

WHAT'S IN THE WORKS

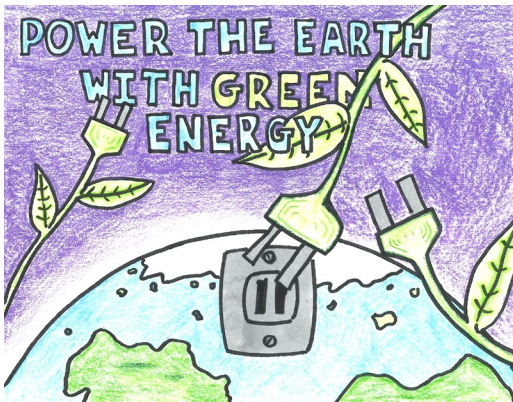
Danvers Department of Public Works Winter 2021

WINTER TIPS

- Basketball hoops must be removed from streets/utility poles where they can be damaged during plowing activities/extreme weather conditions.
- When shoveling this winter, please do your part and clear snow from hydrants and catch basins. **Please do not put any sand/salt into storm drains, these lead to our waterways!**
- Do not shovel or place snow in the street. Try to save shoveling the end of driveways until after the storm has ended and snow plowing is complete.
- Town ordinances state that it is the property owners' responsibility to keep sidewalks clear of obstacles. Please keep your sidewalks clear by pruning your plants/trees to allow passage.
- Please do not plow snow into or across the street or sidewalk.
- Please be mindful to keep vehicles off streets during snowstorms when possible, even when the Parking Ban is not in place. This will make snow removal by the DPW more efficient.
- Check on your heating system! A **burner tune up** helps your heating system run efficiently.



2022 DPW STUDENT CALENDAR CONTEST—IT'S ELECTRIFYING



Sixth grade students from Ms. Hillier's art classes at the Holten Richmond Middle School participated in a poster contest this fall. Winning posters have been included in the 2022 DPW Calendar which is all about **Electrification!** Students learned that shifting habits can bring about more sustainable behaviors. They also learned about some of the benefits of driving an **electric vehicle** and the growing inventory of public **charging stations** available.

Town employees met with students outside at the Middle School where the students were able to view a 2019 Chevrolet Bolt, one of the Town's Electric Vehicles. We are so proud of all of our students! Calendars will be available for pickup at Town Hall starting around December 20.

WASHING MACHINE REBATE UPDATE

Effective November 1st, 2021 our washing machine rebate is now \$300.00 if you purchase a washing machine listed on the CEE List and meet a few other requirements. Review requirements and how to apply at: www.danversma.gov/water-conservation/

DPW NOTES & EVENTS

- This year's Christmas tree is a 35' tall Colorado Blue Spruce donated by **the Shalkoski Family** of Crestline Circle.
- **Town Hall will be closed** Christmas Observed-December 24 & 27, New Year's Day Observed -December 31, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day-January 17, President's Day-February 21. Trash & recycling pickup will be delayed by one day following the full day 2022 holidays (Services as usual on December 24, 27 and 31).
- **Christmas Tree Pickup is Saturday, January 8, 2022.** No plastic bags, ornaments, tinsel or tree stands, please. Residents will be reminded through Blackboard Connect and other media. **NOTE: THIS WILL BE THE ONLY PICKUP DATE—YOUR TREE MUST BE CURBSIDE BY 7:00 AM.**

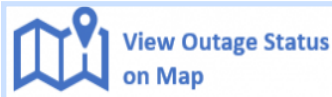
ELECTRIC UPDATES

CUSTOMER CHARGE - In January 2021, customers may have noticed a "Customer Charge" on their electric bill.

The electric rate did not significantly increase, however, Danvers Electric needed to change how we bill and collect funds in order to cover the fixed costs of the system. Fixed costs are what it costs us to be available to provide electricity all year, and be on standby even if the customer uses no electricity.

The rate system using a customer charge is now standard in the electricity industry, primarily due to the widespread use of renewable and alternate energy sources. In order to introduce the concept of a customer charge, it was set at approximately 30% of what the calculated charge actually is.

For more information about your electricity rates, please visit: www.danversma.gov/electricity-rates/



NEW OUTAGE MAP NOW AVAILIABLE TO DANVERS ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS

The Town of Danvers now has a new interactive map that provides real time information on current power outages in town. Check it out by visiting www.danversma.gov/departments/electric-division/

PUBLIC WORKS STAFFING CHANGES

Cassandra Albrecht joined the Engineering Division this Fall and has taken on the responsibilities related to Sewer and Stormwater planning, designing and construction oversight. Ms. Albrecht currently holds her Engineer-In-Training (EIT) certification and comes to Danvers with 4 years of experience from her previous position with Weston & Sampson and her Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering from the University of Vermont.

Henry Clarke joined the Engineering Division this Summer and began work on the construction quality control inspections related to the Danvers Dog Park and Goodno Pond Fishing pier improvement projects. Mr. Clarke will provide valuable constructability reviews related to proposed site plans and subdivisions. Mr. Clarke graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering from The George Washington University in 2016, He comes to Danvers with his Engineering-In-Training (EIT) certification, background in the field of transportation engineering, and four years of experience in the wastewater field while working for Weston and Sampson.

Erica DeDonato joined the DPW this fall and has taken on the responsibilities related to the communication and education of program initiatives involving waste reduction, energy efficiency, and water conservation. Erica received her degree in Environmental Science from Endicott College in 2019. Ms. DeDonato comes to Danvers with municipal experience from previous positions working with the Town of Andover and the Town of Milton on Town wide sustainability efforts.

The Danvers DPW would also like to congratulate **Aaron Cilluffo**, Water & Sewer Supervisor who accepted a position with the Town of Rockport as Assistant DPW Director. After 12 years with the Town of Danvers, Mr.Cilluffo's hard work and dedication will certainly be missed. We wish Aaron all of the best in his new role and know that he will excel with his future endeavors.

WINTER PARKING BAN INFORMATION

When is it? - The winter parking ban may be enacted from December 1 to April 1 if weather conditions warrant.

How is parking affected? - The Danvers Winter Parking Ban for "normal" operations prohibits on-street parking between 1:00 AM and 6:00 AM, only if the parking ban is implemented. During a "major" winter storm, the parking ban may be enacted around the clock until winter storm operations are completed. The fine for violating the parking ban is \$25 and the vehicle may be towed at owners expense.

How am I notified? - When a parking ban is instituted, you will be notified by the Town of Danvers by phone, email and/or cell phone text message based on your preferences specified in our community notification system, Blackboard Connect. To change your preferences, go to www.danversma.gov, select Departments—Public Works and click on "Set Up Notification Preferences".



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1 Sylvan Street
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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