



## Letter From the Director

The Department of Public Works is extremely appreciative of the Town's support for the new DPW Operations Building addition. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote at the Special Election in May.

The spring and summer are a busy time for both the DPW and Wellesley homeowners. This issue contains information on the new DPW building as well as other construction projects throughout Town, information regarding Street Permits, curb cut requests and driveway apron requests, and guidance on lawn and tree care. In addition, the annual Drinking Water Consumer Awareness Report is included in this issue.

We continue to welcome comments and questions about DPW operations. Please email the DPW at [dpw@wellesleyma.gov](mailto:dpw@wellesleyma.gov). You may also visit our website [www.wellesleyma.gov/dpw](http://www.wellesleyma.gov/dpw) for more information.

Thanks for reading!

Michael Pakstis  
Director of Public Works

## DRIVER AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT THE RDF

With spring and summer yard cleanups underway, activities at the Recycling & Disposal Facility (RDF) are picking up, and with it, increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic that creates public safety concerns for Wellesley residents and for DPW employees.

One of our primary safety concerns at the RDF is effective and safe traffic management. This spring you will see speed bumps and additional caution signs, but even with controls and additional signage we still need your help to be more aware of potential vehicle hazards when you visit the RDF to recycle, dispose trash, or to shop at the Reusables Area.

Please follow the posted speed limits at the RDF. Like driving in a mall parking lot, you should reduce your speed considerably and be aware of everything around you, including cars driving and people walking from all directions. The turn arrows markings, one-way, and other directional signs are all in place for your safety.

The Wellesley DPW is working hard to ensure your safety at all DPW facilities, and with your help we can maintain a pleasant, safe experience at the Wellesley RDF. And lastly, the Town of Wellesley thanks you, and the earth thanks you, for recycling.

## Construction News Update Summer 2011

### DPW Operations Building Addition

Following unanimous approval by the Annual Town Meeting, voters approved a debt exclusion at the May 18th Special Election to fund the construction of a new DPW Operations Building. This will house the Engineering and Management Services Divisions as well as provide training space for the entire Department of Public Works. The building will be constructed in front of the new DPW Water and Sewer Division offices/garage and adjacent to the Park/Highway complex; for the first time, all of the DPW divisions will be at one location, with the exception of the RDF staff. This will result in a significant improvement in the operational efficiency of the Department while providing "one stop shopping" for customers and better service to the Town.

### Cedar Street Bridge Replacement over Route 9

Work is currently underway for the replacement of the Cedar Street Bridge over Route 9. MassDOT has contracted with J.F. White Contracting Co. of Framingham, MA to replace the existing bridge deck superstructure. The objective of this project is

to upgrade the deteriorated components of the existing bridge, restore the structural integrity of the bridge by increasing its load capacity and service life while also increasing the vertical clearance under the bridge to Route 9 below from 13'-9" to 15'-10".

The replacement bridge deck is now being built on a temporary support structure in a safe fenced off work area located in the Cedar Street and Route 9 on/off ramp cloverleaf.

With weather permitting on Friday, July 1, 2011, at 10:00 pm through Monday, July 4, 2011, at 10:00 pm, J.F. White will close a portion of Route 9 and Cedar Street within the bridge area and will establish a 72 hour detour route away from the bridge area. Demolition of the existing bridge will begin and then after the clean up the new bridge deck superstructure will be moved into place with special remote-controlled machines called "Self-Propelled Modular Transporters" (SPMT's). The SPMT's will lift the replacement bridge deck superstructure from the shoring towers, drive it a short distance onto Route 9 to its final location, where it will be lowered into place. The contract bid price for the work is \$3,500,000.

Please also visit the project website established by MassDOT for additional information and update at: <http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/highway/abp/WellesleyBridge.aspx>

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## Reusables Area Guidelines

The Wellesley Reusables Area opened at the end of March and continues to be a popular area at the RDF. The RDF encourages all residents to consider bringing items still in good working condition to the Reusables Area to keep them out of the waste stream. With trash costs over \$70 a ton, this could amount to real savings for Wellesley!

While visiting the improved Reusables Area, please remember the following:

- The Reusables Area is for Wellesley residents only. RDF staff may ask for proof of residency.
- All patrons are reminded that there is a time limit of 30 minutes per day at the Reusables Area. Friends of Recycling Volunteers or RDF staff may enforce this limit.
- Please donate items in good working or easily repairable condition, and do not donate prohibited items (mattresses/box springs, child seats, etc).
- Courteous behavior is requested of all residents at the Recycling and Disposal Facility, and is especially important at the Reusables Area.

Your cooperation with these standards helps ensure a positive experience for all residents! For more information on the Reusables Area or the RDF, please contact Gordon Martin, RDF Superintendent, at 781-235-7600 x3340.

## RDF HOURS

**Monday – Wednesday**  
7:00 am - 12:00 noon

**Thursday – Friday**  
7:00 am - 3:45 pm

**Saturday**  
7:00 am - 4:45 pm

**Sunday – closed**

## The RDF is Closed on the following holidays:

*Independence Day – 7/5/2011*

*Labor Day – 9/5/2011*

*Columbus Day – 10/10/2011*

*Veterans Day – 11/11/2011*

## Construction Update (from front page)

### Rockland Street Bridge Replacement

The purpose of the project is to replace the existing structurally deficient bridge, improve approaches for the safety of vehicle traffic and pedestrians. The existing bridge structure over the MBTA/CSX Railroad is a single span steel girder bridge. Originally built in 1917 and rehabilitated in 1934, the existing bridge is exhibiting poor condition under the heavy traffic loads.

The work will begin shortly and begins with demolition of the existing super structure, reconstruction of the bridge and relocation of the existing utilities onto the new bridge. Construction of a temporary pedestrian bridge is also included in the project. Existing utilities will be temporarily relocated during bridge demolition and reconstruction.

The contractor for the project is Northern Construction Service LLC of Weymouth, MA, and is under the direction of MassDOT District 6 Construction Office at 128 North Street, Boston, MA 02109. Phone: (617) 561-6146. The contractor received a Notice to Proceed on February 8, 2011. The final completion date is September 20, 2012. The contract's bid price for the work is \$1,627,682.

### Lower Washington Street Improvements

Beginning in late June, National Development, LLC will begin making improvements to lower Washington Street from Glen Road to River Street. The improvements are required as the result of the Planning Board's approval of the 27 Washington Street project currently under construction.

### 2011 Street Resurfacing Program

Work is scheduled to begin on the resurfacing of several town roads this summer as a part of our annual capital resurfacing program. The DPW follows a street maintenance strategy that defers (except for the town's most heavily traveled "major connector" streets) the cost and disruption of full reconstruction almost indefinitely. This strategy uses chipseal, standard bituminous concrete overlay, or grinding of the existing road surface and bituminous overlay as conditions require.

The following streets (or portions of these streets) are scheduled for attention this summer. Notices will be mailed to affected property owners, in particular reminding owners that any changes to underground utilities that involve excavating in the street or sidewalk must be done prior to the street resurfacing work.

Bradford Road	Boulder Road	Clock Tower Road	Cushing Road
Dover Road	Gilson Road	Grantland Road	Greenwood Road
Greylock Road	Hampden Street	Hundreds Road	Hunting Street
Monadnock Road	Old Town Road	Rutgers Road	Wareland Road
Washburn Avenue	Weston Road	Woodcliff Road	

The improvements consist of the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Glen Road at Washington Street, realignment of curbing at certain locations, relocation of street lights, bump outs of the curbing and sidewalk at and the minor relocation of the crosswalk near Mica Lane and grinding of and repaving of the roadway. The work will be performed by and at the expense of National Development and at no expense to the Town. No work will be performed on and around July 4th when MassDOT is scheduled to replace the Cedar Street Bridge over Route 9.

### Street Occupancy Permits

The Engineering Division's Street Occupancy Permit Program is open for the 2011 Construction season. The permit program governs all work within the public ways of Wellesley, including all excavations, placement of dumpsters, driveway reconstruction, and resurfacing. Kindly note, requirements include providing 72 hours advance notice to the Water and Sewer Division and the Engineering Division prior to the start of construction activities and placement of water and sewer utilities in separate trenches, in accordance with Mass DEP Guidelines.

Street Occupancy Permits will be issued until November 1, 2011. All work being conducted under a Street Occupancy Permit obtained during the 2011 construction season must be completed no later than November 15, 2011. For permit applications and information, contact Mr. Gerry Bruno in the Engineering Division at 781-235-7600 x3316.

## Curb Cut and Driveway Apron requests at the DPW Engineering Division

Requests for new or relocated curb cuts and driveway aprons are now being accepted at the Office of the Town Engineer at the DPW for review and approval. At their meeting of February 28, 2011, the Board of Selectmen delegated the authority for approval of curb cut requests to the Town Engineer. An appeal process to the Board of Selectmen was also created for circumstances where resolution of curb cut related issues cannot be reached between the Applicant and the Town Engineer.

In another significant change, the written request for a curb cut requests can now be made electronically by sending the required information to: [engineering@wellesleyma.gov](mailto:engineering@wellesleyma.gov). This address was established to streamline the application process and make it easier for our customers. The process for successfully obtaining a new curb cut and driveway apron is available on the Town's website. The referenced policies and regulations are available on the Town's website.

The Town Engineer's written response shall indicate whether the request complies or is non-compliant with the Town's Policy. Once approval of the request has been received, it is the responsibility of the property owner or his/her contractor to obtain a Street Opening Permit issued by the DPW Engineering Division to proceed with work in the public way. The "Rules and Specifications Regulating Street Excavations, Obstructions and Driveway Aprons" are also available on the Town's website.

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## THE ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE

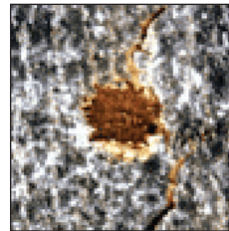
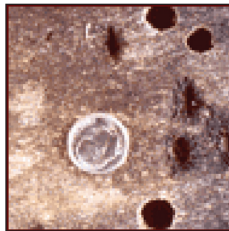
The Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) is native to China and Korea. Adults are large (3/4 to 1 1/2 inches long) with very long black and white antennae. The body is glossy black with irregular white spots.



ALB is a serious pest of maple trees, birches and other hardwood trees. They produce close to a 1/2 inch exit holes, saw dust and egg markings on trees. For more information go to:

[www.massnrc.org/pests/linkedddocuments/pestaalerts/ALB\\_Aug2008.htm](http://www.massnrc.org/pests/linkedddocuments/pestaalerts/ALB_Aug2008.htm)

If you see signs of this pest please to call the D.P.W. Park & Tree Division at 781-235-7600, ext.3335 or e-mail: [mquinn@wellesleyma.gov](mailto:mquinn@wellesleyma.gov)



## Information

### Phone Numbers

**(781) 235-7600**

Engineering .....ext. **3315**

Park .....ext. **3335**

Highway .....ext. **3325**

RDF .....ext. **3345**

Water and Sewer .....ext. **3355**

Director's Office .....ext. **3300**

Customer Service/..... ext. **3364**,

Utility Bills ..... **3365**, or **3369**

### DPW Hours of Operation

**Monday — Friday**  
7:00 am - 4:00 pm

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

#### Highway DPW

(non-business hours for emergencies)

781-235-7600 ext. 3322

#### Council on Aging:

781-235-3961

#### American

Red Cross:

781-642-7000



## The Right Way to Mulch

With spring in full swing, you may have seen mulch "volcanoes" dotting the landscape of Wellesley—tall cones of mulch piled into a cone around a tree trunk. What you may not realize is that this kind of mulching is actually detrimental to your tree's health. Piling mulch high around a tree trunk can trap moisture and eventually lead to root rot, or create



an ideal environment for rodents or insects to feed on the tree. The wrong kind of mulch can also promote weed growth.

When mulching your trees, remember:

- Bark chips, shredded bark, old wood chips, and composted leaves are the best materials for mulch;
- When mulching around your tree, a 2" to 4" mulching depth is ideal;
- If you have an adequate mulch layer in place, rake the old mulch to break up any clumps;
- If you haven't already, pull back the mulch layer so that the base of the tree trunk and root crown are visible.



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## WINTER MOTH CATERPILLAR AFFECTING WELLESLEY TREES

In Wellesley and throughout eastern Massachusetts the winter moth caterpillar has been defoliating trees during the spring. Under the authority of the Natural Resources Commission and the guidelines of the Wellesley Integrated Pest Management Policy, the Department of Public Works selectively treated town trees to control winter moth caterpillars. Trees were sprayed with Conserve #SC, a spinosad based product, E.P.A. Reg.#62719-291.

For winter moth caterpillars affecting privately owned trees, we recommend that private property owners should consult with an arborist to inspect any heavily damaged trees and develop an overall treatment plan to protect trees. To find an arborist call 508-653-3320 or go to [www.certifiedtreeandlawn.org](http://www.certifiedtreeandlawn.org). For more information about the winter moth and other

landscape pests, go to [www.umassgreeninfo.org](http://www.umassgreeninfo.org) for pictures, fact sheets and updates. For information about the Wellesley Integrated Pest Management Policy, go to [www.wellesleyma.gov\nrc](http://www.wellesleyma.gov\nrc).

Perhaps the only good thing about this pest is that it stops feeding in June and will allow your tree a chance to possibly re-grow new leaves. Still, your tree has been severely stressed and will benefit from extra attention during the rest of the summer growing season and through the fall, until the leaves start to turn color and drop off. During this time make sure your tree is well watered to help the recovery process. Also, you should not fertilize your trees during this time. At this point consider developing a treatment program for the following spring. We hope that with proper state government support the University of Massachusetts Extension Service

will be able to keep working on its program to introduce a natural predatory fly to control this pest. The success of this biological control program will work naturally to minimize the need for future spraying of this invasive and destructive pest that is damaging private and public shade trees in Massachusetts.

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Call 781-235-7600 or mail the DPW:

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