



## We are making changes to Albemarle Road!

After two years of planning, roadway changes are underway to make Albemarle Road safer for all who travel or cross this busy road for schools, the playing fields, the pool and for everyday travel. Learn more at [NewtonMA.gov/Albemarle](https://NewtonMA.gov/Albemarle)

Work crews have recently completed many changes, including restriped crosswalks, new bike lanes, new signage and changes to parking. Early in 2024, we will be adding speed cushions, flex posts, green paint at crosswalks and additional signage.

**2023 work started on Friday, November 10 and was completed on Friday, November 17. We will be back to finish up in Spring 2024 and will coordinate around school schedules.**

### What's changing?

- **New bike lanes** on the side of Albemarle alongside Cheesecake Brook
- **New crosswalks** on Albemarle and at the intersections with Watertown Street and Crafts Street
- We changed from head-in to **back-in angle parking** on the northbound side of Albemarle between Watertown and Crafts.
- **Bicycles are allowed in both directions** on the northbound side of Albemarle/Brookside south of Watertown Street
- In 2024, we will install **speed cushions and flex posts** on Albemarle, and high friction green paint at various locations.



### Why are we doing this?

- **Safety!** This is a heavily used area with many conflict points and hundreds of school age children using Albemarle. We need to slow cars down, and establish clear paths for cycling and walking.
- **Back-in or head-out parking gives drivers a clear view** when exiting a parking space. You can practice at Auburndale Cove, and [watch the Mayor's video](#).

### What else is changing?

- A new traffic signal at Crafts and Albemarle. MassDOT is funding this project, which is now in design and should be in operation by 2026 (a long time, we know!)
- A new bridge over Cheesecake Brook north of Gath Pool, with new crosswalks and additional parking on the southbound side of Albemarle.
- A new Gath Pool is scheduled to open in 2024.
- Improve playing fields are coming in the next two years.

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Learn more at [NewtonMA.gov/Albemarle](https://NewtonMA.gov/Albemarle) or contact Josh Ostroff, Director of Transportation Planning, [jostroff@newtonma.gov](mailto:jostroff@newtonma.gov) or 617-796-1481.

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