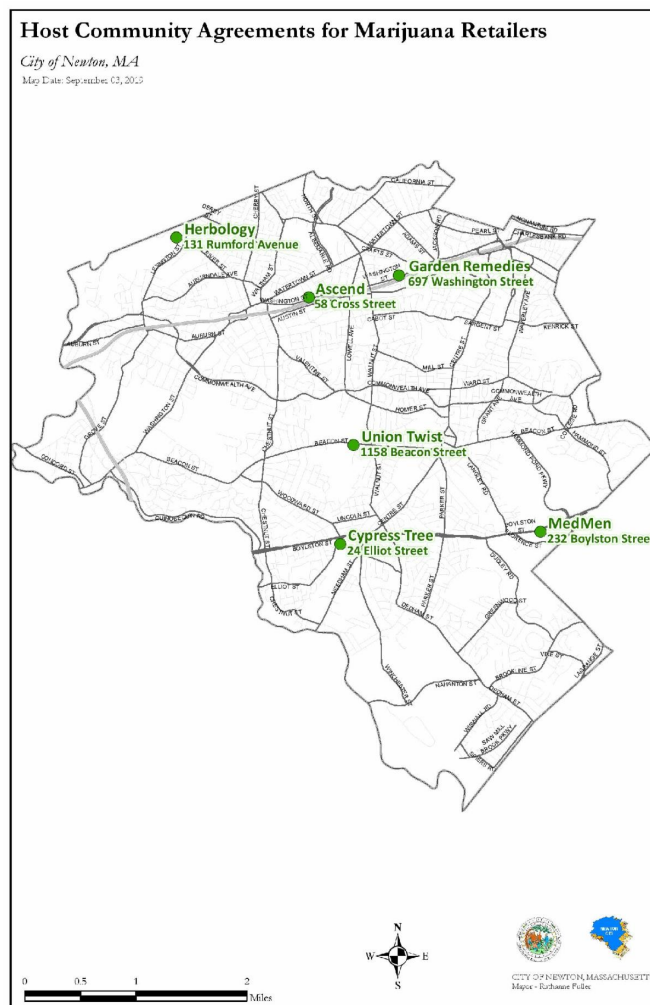


Mayor's Update

I have just sent an update on medical marijuana establishments to the City Council.

Here are the highlights:

- I accepted the Marijuana Host Community Agreement Advisory Group recommendations for provisional host community agreements for three additional applicants: MME Newton Retail (MedMen) at 232 Boylston Street in Chestnut Hill, GR Vending MA Newton (Herbology) at 131 Rumford Street in Auburndale, and Union Twist at 1158 Beacon Street in Newton Four Corners. I also agreed with the Advisory Group who did not recommend moving forward with three other applications for marijuana retailers in Newton Four Corners: ARL Healthcare at 1114 Beacon Street, Bloominus at 1136 Beacon Street, and another applicant at the same address, Green Harbor Dispensary at 1136 Beacon Street.
- Garden Remedies opened as a medical marijuana dispensary in November 2016 and added adult use retail marijuana sales at its 697 Washington Street location on May 25, 2019 on an appointment only basis. Operations have been smooth with limited impact on the neighborhood, traffic and parking in the area and the Newton Police Department have no concerns at this time. After the initial 90 days of being open, the Special Permit from the City Council allows Garden Remedies to request discontinuation of police details. That request has just been received and the Planning Department is currently evaluating it.
- Cypress Tree at 24 Elliot Street has received both a provisional Host Community Agreement (HCA) from me and a special permit from the City Council. They are waiting for licensing approval from the state's Cannabis Control Commission (CCC).
- Ascend Mass has received a provisional HCA from me and will be before the City Council for a special permit this fall (the date has not been set) to open at 58 Cross Street (at the intersection with Washington Street in West Newton). They still need licensing approval from the CCC.



- The City of Newton has a limit of 8 marijuana retailers. With these approvals, I have granted six host community agreements. The HCA Advisory Group prefers to meet with a batch of applicants to be able to make relative comparisons among them. Currently, there are no additional applicants.

Want to read my letter to the City Council? Click [here](#).

(Celebrating National Read A Book Day today with children at Bright Horizons on Needham Street.)

Want to Join Team Newton 2020 and Run the Boston Marathon?

Interested in joining Team Newton to run the Boston Marathon and raise money for a charity?

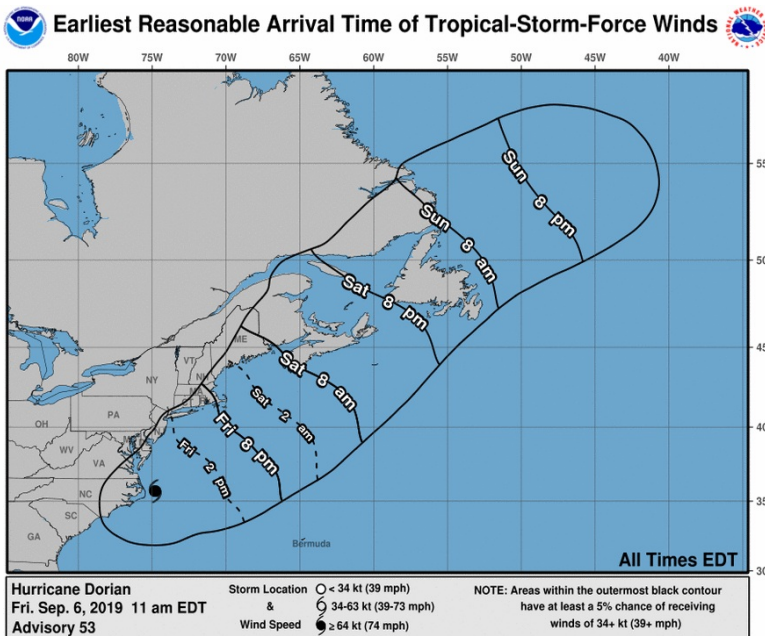


The Boston Marathon has again given the City of Newton 40 bibs. We will be giving them out to Newton residents running for a charity and to charities located in Newton.

Last year's team raised \$246,503 in total for 17 different charities.

Athletes and Newton based charities can request a bib from Citizens Assistance Officer Linda Plazonja [here](#) or at lplazonja@newtonma.gov.

More information is [here](#). Questions? Call Linda Plazonja at 617-796-1102.



Looking Like Dorian Will Miss Newton

The latest forecast is for the storm to glance the New England coast tonight. In Newton, we'll see wind gusts of 20 to 30 mph and perhaps up to 2 inches of rain.

Calling Newton Artists, Scientists, Writers and Humanitarians

It's Newton Cultural Council (NCC) grant season. The NCC has a fund of over \$25,000 from the City of

Newton and the Mass Cultural Council and is seeking proposals for community-oriented arts, humanities and science programs that have a public benefit for Newton residents. Projects in the past have included performances, lectures, readings, open

studios, and slide shows, all at public spaces open to all.

Grant applications must be completed online by Oct. 15. Questions? Send them to info@newtonculturalcouncil.com or call 617-796-1540. More information is [here](#).

Bike Newton's Tour de Newton: Register Today

Join [Bike Newton](#) for the 7th annual [Tour de Newton](#). #TDN #MagicalMysteryTour will have 4 start locations (Newton Centre, West Newton, Newtonville and Waban) and will end with a rally at Newton City Hall this Sunday, September 8th.

Adaptive bikes from [All Out Adventures](#) will also be at City Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for people to try out. Free bike safety checks from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. thanks to Landry's Bicycle.

Sign-up online at [here](#). Registration ends TONIGHT (Friday, September 6) at midnight.

Warmly,

Ruthanne

P.S Work to straighten and improve the intersection of Oak and Christina Streets at Needham Street before the Charles River is just about complete. Final paving is scheduled for Sept. 16.

P.P.S. The NewCAL [website](#) is updated with answers to frequently asked questions and other information.

