

Mayor's Update



Welcome Bright Horizons HQ!

Bright Horizons with approximately 1,000 childcare centers and schools around the world, is moving its corporate headquarters to the Wells Avenue Office Park in Newton.

The company just announced that it will be moving its operations and 400 employees to new office space 2 Wells Avenue in late 2020. In 2018, the Boston Globe and the Boston Business Journal listed them as a top place to work in Massachusetts

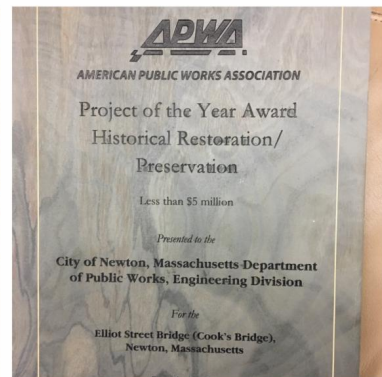
I'm thrilled to welcome Bright Horizons to Newton.

(Congratulations to our Department of Public Works! This week DPW Commissioner James McGonagle and City Engineer Louis Taverna accepted the award for Project of the Year from the Public Works Association of America for the Elliot Street Bridge renovation.)



Still Time to Vote in Ward 5

Ward 5 (parts of Upper Falls and Waban) can still head to the polls today in a preliminary election to select the two candidates who will face off in November to fill the Ward 5 seat.



The ward councilor seat has been held for the past 10 years by Councilor John Rice who is not running for re-election. Get results on the contest between Kathryn Winters, Rena Getz and Bill Humphrey on the City's website [here](#) after polls close at 8:00 p.m. (check in around 9:00 p.m.).

Newton at Low Risk for EEE but...

You may be wondering about your risk for mosquito related diseases here in Newton. Newton's current risk level (as of 9/10/19) is low for both West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE), according to public health officials.

But, take precautions:

- Apply repellent when outdoors, particularly from dusk to dawn
- Wear long sleeves and long pants when outdoors in the evening

Monitor the risk level in Newton and other communities you visit [here](#).

Find answers to frequently asked questions [here](#).

Health Warning on Vaping

A multi-state outbreak of severe pulmonary disease associated with e-cigarette and marijuana vaping devices has struck. As of September 6, 2019, more than 450 possible cases of lung illness have been associated with vaping. Six deaths have been confirmed nationally. These illnesses and deaths appear to have been caused by chemical exposure as evidence does not suggest infectious lung disease.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), along with state and local partners, are investigating. No one product or ingredient has yet been identified as the cause. Some associated products were bought via licensed retailers, others were obtained “off the street.” Some were modified by users and others were not. Some contained nicotine and others contained marijuana or related substances.

Newton Health and Human Services strongly urges residents to consider **not using any e-cigarette or vaping products** at this time.

Regardless of the ongoing investigation:

- [Youth and young adults should not use vaping products](#)
- [Women who are pregnant should not use vaping products](#)
- Adults who do not currently use tobacco products should not start using e-cigarette products.
- If you do use vaping products, do not buy these products off the street (for example, e-cigarette products with THC or other cannabinoids).
- Do not modify e-cigarette products or add any substances to these products that are not intended by the manufacturer.

[Here is some information](#) to assist parents in starting a conversation with their children about vaping.

Quitting resources for adults can be found [here](#).

Quitting resources for teens can be found [here](#).

More information about this outbreak can be found [here](#)

Warmly,

Ruthanne

P.S. Join us tomorrow night at the

Annual 9/11 Commemoration Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. at Newton Fire Headquarters, 1164 Centre Street. The ceremony, hosted by the Newton 9/11 Memorial Committee and the City of Newton, honors those killed in the attack 18 years ago.

P.P.S. Newton Upper Falls Village Day is on Sunday between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on the Upper Falls Greenway by the Depot Coffee Shop, 1225 Chestnut Street.

NEWTON UPPER FALLS
VILLAGE DAY
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15
11:00AM-2:00PM
CHESTNUT STREET @
THE UPPER FALLS GREENWAY
**Music, Children's Activities, Food,
Games, Treats and More!**
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