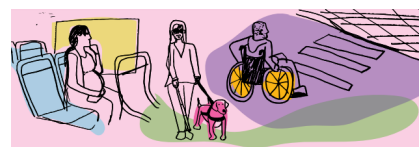


Zoning Redesign

The City of Newton's project to redesign the zoning code

August Newsletter

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您对牛顿乡村中心的未来有何设想?

牛顿市希望听取您的体验和想法，
为分区更新提案提供信息！

从五月下旬至七月，请参与：
在线调查 // 自助式愿景套件 (Vision Kit)

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Image description: On the left, Newton Housing Authority renters complete a Vision Kit of Newtonville in Mandarin in partnership with Neighbors Helping Neighbors. The 13 participants stand with Newton Out Doors' Meryl Kessler in front of the 28 Austin Mural by Destiny Palmer, to discuss the role of public art in village centers. On the right, a flyer for the Zoning Redesign Village Center engagement in Chinese (simplified).

One More Month to Share Your Thoughts: First Phase of Engagement for Village Centers

The Zoning Redesign city team is collecting Newton community members' experiences in and visions for the future of Newton's village centers **until the end of October 3** (after we table at the [Upper Falls Village Day](#))!

If you haven't already, take a few minutes to share your opinions in [this online interactive forum](#). Or take more time to tour the village center you frequent most or live closest to and [complete a Vision Kit](#) (see what folks [have sent us so far!](#)). And [register for our last virtual focus group for 65+ Adults](#), Thursday, September 9th, 2-3pm. Easy-to-follow steps available in our [July newsletter](#) or at our website, newtonma.gov/zoningredesign/vc.

In September, we'll try to be at as many community events as we can – be on the look out for us at upcoming Farmers Markets, village days, and more! Want to help us spread word and engage folks? Pick up or print these [community engagement 'business cards'](#) or invite us to a PTO, back-to-school or any other community event. Let us know at zoningredesign@newtonma.gov!



How did Newton's Village Centers Come to Be?

On August 10th, Historic Newton and other community members participated in a panel discussion about the historical development patterns of Newton's village centers. If you could not attend, don't worry, the recorded webinar and Q&A with the panel is [linked here](#).

Image Description: A historic photo of Nonantum Sq/ Newton Savings Bank - Newton Corner

Celebrating Summer High School Interns!

Congratulations to Jesse Corey, Coral Lin, Olivia Pozen, Dennis R., and Kayla Springer for completing fantastic summer internships with the Department of Planning & Development!

Jesse, Olivia, Dennis and Kayla worked through the City of Newton's Summer Internship Program and focused on in-person engagement for the current Zoning Redesign village center efforts, engaging over 400 community members! Coral worked through Duke University's DukeEngage Gateway Program and researched best practices for equitable community engagement, including what other municipalities like Newton in Massachusetts are up to.

Image descriptions: In the top image, Jesse and Kayla are engaging a community member outside of the Newton Free Library. In the bottom image, Olivia engages a community member at the West Suburban YMCA.



Dates of Upcoming ZAP Meetings (agenda items are not finalized and subject to change)

Review August's meeting reports at [ZAP's website](#). For the month of September:

September 13th, 2021 at 7pm Agenda:

- Open Space and Recreation Plan (#178-20)
- Introduce Proposed Amendments to MU4 Special Permit Criteria (#180-21)
- Zoning Redesign: Village Center, quantitative analyses (#88-20)

September 27th, 2021 at 7pm Agenda:

- Inclusionary Zoning Amendment: proposal to reduce the local preference % requirement (#528-20)
- Municipal Affordable Housing Trust: continue to evaluate proposed draft ordinance (#438-20)

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