



# The Upton Update

## September 2025



News, Events and Information from Town Departments

### Did you know

#### Knock, knock... who's there?

Annoying uninvited visitor at your door, be sure to sign up for [Upton's No Solicitation List](#).

Solicitors must register with the police department and be assigned a badge signed by the Police Chief. If you encounter a solicitor that is not registered in town, report them immediately to the police dispatch 508-529-3200.

**Water/Sewer bills are due September 3rd**  
[Click to Pay Bills Online](#)

Residents can check the **air quality** in Upton or any area of the country at any time by visiting [PurpleAir](#)

The town nurse holds a **blood pressure clinic** every last Wednesday of the month at the Community Center from 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. She is also available by appointment by calling 508-529-6813

### Upton Historical Society Presents Heritage Day Events

**Date: September 27, 2025**

7:30 AM: United Parish Town Wide Yard Sale  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM: Upton Historical Society Craft & Vendor Fair at Town Common (25 Vendors/Crafts)  
9:00 AM: Upton Historical Society Informational Booth and Museum Open  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM: VFW Grange Agricultural Fair featuring 4-H displays, produce, and crafts  
9:00 AM: Community Center/Friends of the Upton Library Book Sale  
9:00 AM: Community Center/Senior Center Open House - Meet the staff, tour the center, and sign up for your FREE membership card  
9:00 AM: Fire Department/Police Department Open House at School Street - Explorer Post Sign-Up with Displays of History, Fire Truck Rides, Smokey the Bear, and more  
10:30 AM: Entertainment by the Bob Nicole Jazz Group at Town Common

### Stay connected

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### Things to do around Upton

Take the kids on an adventure in the Upton State Forest or check out the caves at Heritage Park, information and trail maps are located on the Town of Upton website under the Conservation Commission

[Upton Conservation Land & Trail Maps | Upton, MA](#)

Looking to stay active, Upton Recreation has Archery, Pickleball, Yoga & Volleyball [Fall Recreation Programs](#)

Check out all the fun happening at the Upton Community Center:  
[Senior Activities](#) Exercise classes, shopping trips, games

[Upton Library](#) Storytimes, Book Clubs, Museum Passes, Passport Services

# What's happening in your neighborhood

## Department of Public Works:

The DPW is pleased to report that the town was awarded a \$500,00 grant for the construction of the *Grove Street bridge*.

The two major projects currently in process, the *Fiske Avenue* roadway reconstruction and the extension of water and sewer on *Milford Street (Rte 140)*, are on track for substantial completion by the end of November.

John Johnson, the Highway and Parks Supervisor, retired on August 15th after 38 years with the Department of Public Works. We thank John for his years of distinguished service and wish him all the best in his retirement !



## Board of Assessors:

The Board of Assessors has mailed the Fiscal Year 2026 Clause Exemptions applications for Blind, Seniors and Veteran's Clause Exemptions to existing recipients on 7/7/2025, and are requested to be returned to the Assessor's office by December 1, 2025 for electronic processing of the exemption amount to be applied to their January and April tax bills. Please note that the State deadline for clause exemptions is April 1, 2026.

The Board of Assessors recommends seniors (age 65 as of July 1, 2024) and veterans with a 10% or greater service-connected disability who have not previously applied to reach out to the Assessor's office for Clause Exemption requirements; information is also available on the Upton Board of Assessors web page.

In addition to the Clause Exemptions, Upton offers the Senior Means-tested exemption, known as the "Circuit Breaker" exemption. The application deadline is November 1, 2025, and requires the senior to have received the "Circuit Breaker Credit" on their 2024 Massachusetts Income tax return. Please contact the Assessor's office for the requirements. The exemption amount is applied to the January and April tax bills.

For Fiscal Year 2026, Upton has locally adopted "Clause 22I" of The Hero Act, for veterans with a service connected disability of 10% or greater, increasing the exemption amount to include the Fiscal Year 2026 State COLA of 2.9%.

For Fiscal Year 2027, the Board of Assessors has presented to the Selectboard on August 5, 2025 "Clause 22J" of The Hero act, for veterans with a service connected disability of 10% or greater. Clause 22J doubles the exemption amount for veterans with 10% to 90% service connected disability from \$400 plus annual COLA to \$800 plus annual COLA , and for veterans with 100% service connected disability from \$1,000 plus annual COLA to \$2,000 plus annual COLA.

This Clause exemption will be on the Warrant for the November Special Town Meeting. The Board of Assessors extends our gratitude to all veterans for their service.

## Board of Health:

Be advised that [West Nile Virus reported in local communities.](#)

**Have questions about something in town or would like to be more involved in your community??**

**[Just Ask](#)**

## **NOTICE TRASH DELAY**

**week of  
September 1**

## **TOWN HALL HOURS**

Mon-Wed-Thu  
8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Tuesday  
8:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Friday  
8:00 am to 12:00 pm