



The Upton Update

October 2025



Did you know

[Bulk Trash](#) items can be picked up by calling EL Harvey directly 800-321-3002.

The Upton Police Dept has developed a [Silver Alert Program](#) to help improve police response time when a person with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or other cognitive impairment is reported missing.

The [UCC Food Pantry](#) is seeking donations: tissues, dish soap, mayo, ketchup, relish, salad dressing, cookies, crackers, nuts, granola bars, canned fruit, milk, gift cards & monetary donations also accepted.

Do you need food assistance? The Upton Community Food Pantry is open to all Upton residents! Hours of Operation Wednesdays 12-2pm & Fridays 11-1pm. Are you unable to come at these days and times? Contact us for more information or to set up an appointment: 508-529-4558

Volunteers are needed for various boards, committees and commissions. If you are interested and want to learn more about a specific committee please visit the [Boards & Commissions webpage](#). If interested, complete the [Volunteer Application](#)

Have questions about something in town or would like to get more involved?

[Just Ask](#)

News, Events and Information from Town Departments

Special Town Meeting

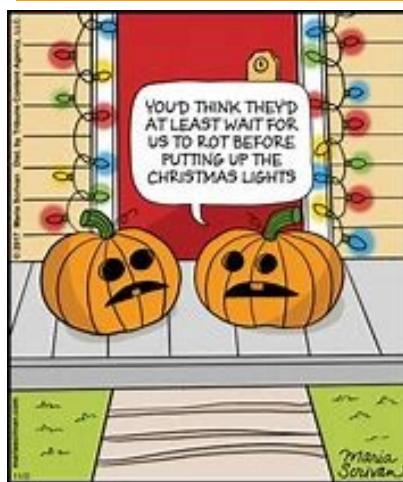
Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 7:00p
Nipmuc Regional High School - auditorium,
90 Pleasant St.

Articles to be voted on can be found in the [Draft Warrant](#). The Final Warrant will be posted at least 14 days prior to the meeting. You must be a registered voter in Upton to vote on warrant articles. Upon checking into the meeting voters will be given an electronic voting device (aka "clicker"). Visitors are allowed to attend the meeting but cannot vote.

Deadline to register to vote is Saturday, October 25th. [Verify your voter status or register to vote](#) or contact the Town Clerk's office at 508-529-3565 or email vote@uptonma.gov.

[Upton Fire & EMS](#) Association's Annual Halloween Parade & Spooky Walk

Friday, October 31, 2025
- 6pm Line up at Community Center
- Parade ends at the Fire Station



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What's happening in your neighborhood

Land Use and Inspectional Services:

This summer the Economic Development Committee began a series of workshops with the help of consultant group Dodson & Flinker for a shared vision of West Upton. The Working Group is composed of 10-30 community stakeholders. It may include residents of the neighborhood and Upton at large, business owners, board and committee members, and others with interests in specific aspects of Upton, such as local history, open spaces and natural resources, walking and bicycling infrastructure, housing, and the needs of older adults, etc. Together, they review information about West Upton Center, explore alternatives for the future of West Upton Center, develop a shared vision, and create an action plan that the town will implement over time to make the vision reality. The intent is for the Working Group to provide a forum for respectful, in-depth conversation about the future of West Upton Center. All are welcome to join. The next workshop dates are October 29, January 5, and February 25, located at the UCC Great Room. More information can be found here: [West Upton Center Plan](#)

Board of Health:

TRASH BAGS - We are currently transitioning to a new supplier of the town trash bags. We are aware that some of the local vendors are delayed in making this transition, but we are hopeful that all the local carriers will have them back on their shelves this month!

If you don't find them in one store, please visit any of the following who also carry the bags: Board of Health office, Town Library, Liquor Plus, Prime Gas Station, Town Line Dairy Farm, Milford Shaws and Family Farms. *Thank you for your patience!*

Cultural Council:

The Upton Cultural Council is now accepting grant applications for community-oriented arts, humanities, cultural, and science programs. Grant applications can be submitted starting on September 2, 2025 and will be accepted for review through October 16, 2025. Forms, guidance on the grant process and grant criteria, and local guidelines and priorities are all available online at [Mass Cultural Council - Local Program Upton](#)

Sponsored Event—[Family Fun Forest Walk](#) October 26th 10a-12p [Registration Required](#)

DPW Building Committee:

At a recent presentation to the Town of Upton, representatives from Vertex, Weston & Sampson, the DPW Building Committee, and the Department of Public Works shared updates on the long-anticipated DPW Facility Expansion and Renovation Project.

The team outlined two primary options under consideration:

- Renovating the existing 9,000 sq. ft. facility, originally built in 1995
- Constructing a new 30,000 sq. ft. building to replace the current structure

Both options aim to consolidate the town's highway, water, and sewer divisions under one roof, improving operational efficiency and interdepartmental coordination.

Preliminary cost estimates range from \$29 million to \$33 million, with potential funding support from the water and wastewater enterprise funds, pending approval from the Department of Revenue (DOR). The project must also meet updated state energy codes, which are expected to significantly impact construction costs.

The committee emphasized the importance of moving forward, citing the facility's age and the extensive planning already completed over the past several years.

Stay tuned for more updates as the project progresses toward final design and funding decisions.