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Framingham Receives Complete Streets Grant

Massachusetts Department of Transportation Grants \$400,000 for Dudley Street Path

Earlier this month, the Town of Framingham was awarded \$400,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's "Complete Streets" program for the construction of a multi-use - pedestrian and bicycle - path on Dudley Road.

"Improved infrastructure means improved quality of life for residents, and makes the Town of Framingham more attractive to new and current businesses," said Arthur Robert, Director of Framingham's Division of Community and Economic Development. "We're pleased that the state's Department of Transportation recognized the value of this project."

The multi-use path will be 10 feet in width. It will run just north of the intersection of Fountain Street and Dudley Road, continuing along the east side of Dudley Road, ending at Dr. Harvey L. Cushing Way. The path will improve safety along the Dudley Road corridor while allowing residents of nearby neighborhoods to more easily access Bowditch Field, Cushing Park, Farm Pond Park, and Loring Arena. It will also ease the need for a car by providing a link for residents to downtown transit options, employers, and schools in the area.

The grant will help the Town construct the multi-use path, which is scheduled to be finished by June 2017. You can read more about the Dudley Road path and the Complete Streets grant at the [MetroWest Daily News](#).

Inc. 5000's List of the Country's Fastest Growing Private Companies

Grand Opening: Exhibit 'A' Brewing Celebrates Opening of Its New Framingham Taproom



Massachusetts is a center for craft brewing and the Town of Framingham has begun to attract notice from brewers looking for space to brew and sell high quality beers.

Following in the footsteps - literally - of Framingham's highly acclaimed Jack's Abby

Craft Lagers, [Exhibit 'A' Brewing](#) is celebrating its opening today, August 31st. Why literally? Because the new brewery, which will focus on brewing high quality ales, is opening in the space previously occupied by Jack's Abby before it moved into expanded space earlier this year.

Exhibit 'A's brew master, Matthew Steinberg, has been brewing for over 15 years, and so when an investor expressed interest in opening up a brewery with him, he took it. Steinberg and his team were happy to take over the former Jack's Abby space, since they knew the location and were able to acquire the brewing equipment there.

"There is a growing microbrewery scene in MetroWest, and we think that is an advantage for Exhibit 'A,'" said Kelsey Roth, Marketing and Retail Manager for the company. "Beer tourism is becoming more popular, and we expect that people who visit us will want to visit the other microbreweries in the region."

The taproom at Exhibit 'A' will be open Wednesdays through Fridays from 3pm to 8pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 12pm to 8pm. In the taproom, individuals will be able to purchase 4, 8, and 16 ounce pours as well as 32 and 64 ounce Growlers and 16 ounce cans to take home. The taproom plans to serve locally-sourced bar snacks including nuts, popcorn, and beef jerky in addition to hosting food trucks on the weekends. The company is planning a grand opening celebration on Saturday, September 3rd.

FEATURED BUSINESS: Life Time Fitness Comes to Framingham

On July 15th, Life Time Fitness opened the doors to its second Massachusetts location at 490 Old Connecticut Path in Framingham. The fitness club sought to respond to the health and fitness needs of the MetroWest area, and chose Framingham because of its proximity to both residents and commercial businesses - assuring both residents and employees in Framingham and surrounding areas would have easy access to their state-of-the-art facilities.



The 185,000 square foot club includes

Framingham Businesses Well Represented

On August 7th, Inc. Magazine released its annual ['Inc. 5000'](#) List, a roundup of America's fastest growing private companies. This year's list includes five local Framingham businesses: Avant-Garde Solutions, Applause, CommCreative, List Engage, and Stone Temple Consulting. They are five of the 149 Massachusetts' companies honored by the magazine in 2016.

"We are very proud of the Framingham businesses that made the Inc. 5000 list - it is an incredible honor for each of them," said Arthur Robert, Director of Community and Economic Development for the Town of Framingham. "Businesses like these help to drive the economy here in Framingham, and show that we are a place where companies can grow. We will continue to support our local businesses however we can."

Speaking of the Inc. 5000 list, Eric Schurenberg, the magazine's Editor-in-chief wrote, "no one inherits their way onto the Inc. 5000. We honor just one thing: real achievement by a founder or a team of founders. No one makes the Inc. 5000 without building something great--usually from scratch." Each company must be U.S.-based, privately held, for profit and independent. The list measures their revenue growth from 2012 to 2015.

A brief summary of the Framingham businesses that made the 2016 list:

- [Avant-Garde Solutions](#) is a dedicated IT partner to Fortune 500 companies and mid-sized businesses. Established in 2008, Avant-Garde empowers businesses to leverage IT for business transformation through cost-effective IT solutions. Led by a dynamic team of passionate and skilled professionals, they help address IT challenges through smart, efficient and nimble solutions.
- [Applause](#) is enabling companies to deliver digital experiences that win - from web to mobile to wearables and beyond and leading the app quality revolution in the process. By



135,000 square feet of indoor space, another 50,000 square feet of outdoor space and includes quality swimming pools, water slides and a restaurant. There is something for everyone at Life

Time Fitness. Both an indoor and outdoor pool means kids - and adults - can swim any time of the year, regardless of the weather. Ongoing kids' programs run throughout the year, while adults can take advantage of group fitness classes, state-of-the-art cardio and strength training equipment, Yoga, and Pilates. There are indoor and outdoor restaurants and a full service spa as well, for everyone to enjoy.

Life Time Fitness describes itself as more than a health club and rather as a "healthy way of life destination." All of these programs and amenities help make that possible and contribute to the Club's Comprehensive Philosophy: Know It, Nourish It, Move it.

"Our mission here is to provide an entertaining, educational, friendly and functional experience that meets the health and fitness needs of the entire family," said Steven Gum, General Manager. "We have been warmly embraced by the community here, and we look forward to continuing to see new members and families enjoying our club and all that it has to offer."

Rates vary on membership type needed to meet the needs of the individual or family. For more information, contact them via their [website](#) or by calling (774) 777-2100.

Upcoming Events in Framingham

- [PARK\(ing\) Day](#) - September 16th
- [Farm Pond Fall Festival](#) - October 2nd

combining in-the-wild testing services, software tools, and mobile sentiment analysis, Applause helps companies achieve the 360° app quality™ they need to thrive in the modern apps economy.

- [CommCreative](#) is a full-service advertising, digital, social and PR agency serving clients in the technology, healthcare, energy, retail, and financial services industries. The agency focuses on creating unified marketing experiences that resonate with customers and deliver results. Utilizing a methodology founded on in-depth research, strategy, and creative execution across all channels and disciplines, CommCreative partners with clients to evolve, advance, and break through.
- [List Engage](#) is an award-winning partner of ExactTarget and the Salesforce Marketing Cloud. They specialize in full-service email and mobile marketing, social media, and 1:1 messaging. The team at ListEngage is comprised of over 30 employees experienced on the Salesforce Marketing Cloud platform.
- [Stone Temple Consulting](#) is a digital marketing services agency working to create and execute winning internet marketing plans for businesses. Stone Temple Consulting began as a small consultancy in 1997, and has expanded into a full-service digital marketing agency providing a broad range of white hat SEO and digital marketing services, including: Content Marketing services, SEO services, Penalty Recovery, and Social Media Marketing.

"It's an incredible honor to be part of this exclusive list and a true testament to our amazing team," said Bob Fields, president and founder of CommCreative. "For more than 25 years, CommCreative has partnered with clients all over the world to deliver creative, strategic, and innovative marketing services. We thank our clients for their continued support, and our team for constantly and

consistently delivering outstanding results."

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The Framingham Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (EDIC) was established in 1995 to stimulate economic development and expand employment opportunities in the Town of Framingham in accordance with the town's approved economic development plans.

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