

UPDATE ON DOWNTOWN PARKING IMPROVEMENTS

Work on the Middlesex Avenue and South Avenue parking lots is now complete! Accordingly, the following changes in the downtown parking regulations have been approved and will be implemented effective on Thursday, November 9:

1. Restore the “resident only” restriction to all on-street parking on Walnut Street and Summer Street.
2. Restore metered parking on Park Street so that this area will be available for customer parking.

The overarching objective of these changes is to re-establish, to the greatest extent feasible, the availability of parking for the convenience of those working and doing business in the downtown area.

While the parking shortage is still acute, we have maximized the availability of parking in the South Avenue and Middlesex Avenue parking lots through design changes. We will continue to work with our public safety officials and Natick Center Associates to monitor and re-evaluate the parking situation after these changes are implemented; further changes will likely be phased-in as conditions warrant.

In addition, at the request of Natick Center Associates, the Selectmen have approved a ***free holiday parking program*** for Downtown Natick during the holiday season. For the month of December, free 2-hour parking will be available at most on-street metered locations. Natick Center Associates is ordering festive bags to be placed on the meters to identify the free locations.

Best wishes for a successful holiday season!