

2016-2017 Needham Community Resource Guide

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EMERGENCY	911
POLICE	911
FIRE	911
AMBULANCE	911

BETH ISRAEL DEACONESS HOSPITAL
148 Chestnut Street (781) 453-3000
24 Hour Physician Coverage

Town Hall (781) 455-7500
Samaritans Helpline (877)-870-4673

General Services

Baby Basics, Inc.

Providing Diapers and Kindness

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www.babybasicsinc.org

Beth Shalom Garden Club

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www.tbsneedham.org/templegroups

The Charles River Center

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59 East Militia Heights Road
www.charlesrivercenter.org

YMCA of Greater Boston, Charles River Branch

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Exchange Club of Needham, Inc.

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www.needhamexchangeclub.org

Friends of the Needham Public Library

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1139 Highland Avenue
www.needhamlibrary.org/friends

Green Needham Collaborative

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Kalmia Garden Club

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Library Foundation of Needham

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Needham Commission on Disabilities

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Call the Council for the following programs:

Food Pantry · Courtesy Van · Medical Equipment Loan
Program · Medical Appointment Transportation · Nursing
Home Boutique · English as a Second Language (ESL) ·
Child Assault Prevention (CAP)

Needham Community Farm, Inc.

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P.O. Box 920877 info@needhamfarm.org
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Needham Garden Club

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www.GCFM.org

Needham Historical Commission

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1471 Highland Avenue www.needhamma.gov

Needham Historical Society, Inc.

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1147 Central Avenue greis@needhamhistory.org
www.needhamhistory.org

Needham Lions Club

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Needham Planning Board

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Needham Women's Club

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Newcomers Club of Needham, Inc.

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needhamnewcomers@yahoo.com
Facebook Group: Needham Newcomers & Neighbors

Rotary Club of Needham

Ted Shaughnessy, President (617) 957-3461
P.O. Box 92009 tedshaughnessy@comcast.net
www.needhamrotaryclub.org

Salvation Army, Needham Unit

Needham Health/Dept/Public Health Nurses

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www.needhamma.gov/health

Village Club

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www.needhamvillageclub.com

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The Potters Shop

Steve Branfman, Founder/Director
31 Thorpe Road (781) 449-7687
pottersshop@aol.com

Gorse Mill Studios

Susan Goldman (617) 513-1762
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Great Plain Squares

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419 East Street, Dedham, MA 02026
www.greatplainsquares.org

Men's Chorus

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160 Maple Street, Sherborn, MA 01770
www.highlandgleeclub.com

Homegrown Coffee House

First Parish in Needham, Unitarian Universalist
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23 Dedham Avenue jimsargent@verizon.net
www.uuneedham.org

Longwood Opera

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42 Hawthorn Avenue Longwood.Opera@gmail.com
www.needhamconcertsociety.org

Needham Art Association

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Needham Community Theatre

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Needham Concert Society

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Needham Cultural Council

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Plugged In Band Program

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St. Joseph's Summer Theatre

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arcart22@gmail.com
www.sites.google.com/site/sjstneedham

Health Support Services

BI Deaconess Hospital—Needham

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148 Chestnut Street www.bidneedham.org

Boston Foundation for Sight

464 Hillside Ave, Suite 205 (781) 726-7512
www.bostonsight.org

Interface Community Resource & Referral Hotline

Helpline: Monday—Friday, 9:00-5:00
(617) 332-3666 Ext. 411
www.projectinterface.org

Needham Coalition for Suicide Prevention

Needham High School www.needhamacts.org
609 Webster Street
c/o Tom Denton, Director of Guidance
c/o Timothy McDonald, Director of Public Health

Needham Domestic Violence Action Committee

DVAC 781-455-7500 Ext. 511
www.needhamma.gov/dvac
REACH (24 Hour Hotline) 1-800-899-4000
www.reachma.org

Needham Neighbor Brigade

c/o Jo-Ann Rosen, Chapter Leader (781) 449-1507
39 Sunset Road

needhamma@neighborbrigade.org

www.neighborbrigade.org/chapters/needhamma

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c/o Needham Public Health Department

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Stanley R. Tippett Home

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Seniors

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The Center at the Heights

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Perkins Library

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Watertown, MA 02472 www.perkinslibrary.org

Retired Men's Club of Needham

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TRIAD

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Needham Police Department
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League of Women Voters of Needham

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Needham Board of Selectmen

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Needham Business Association

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Needham Conservation Committee

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Needham Democratic Town Committee

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Needham Heights Neighborhood Association

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Needham Human Rights Committee

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1471 Highland Avenue Needham.hrc@gmail.com
www.needhamma.gov/humanrights

Needham Park & Recreation Commission

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www.needhamma.gov

Needham Police Department

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Needham Republican Town Committee

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Trustees of Memorial Park

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Veterans of Foreign Wars

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Youth Recreation & Sports

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Community Center of Needham

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Needham Girls Youth Lacrosse

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needhamlacrosse.com

Needham Golf Club

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Massachusetts 4-H Program

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Minuteman Model Yacht Club

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Wellesley, MA 02481 www.sites.google.com/site/minutmanmyc

Needham Athletic Boosters Club

P.O. Box 920556 needhamhighschoolboosters.org

Boy Scouts of America

Spirit of Adventure Council

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Needham Early Childhood Council

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Needham Junior Football & Cheerleaders

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Needham School Committee

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The Education Cooperative

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Religious

Carter Memorial United Methodist Church

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Chabad Jewish Center

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www.jewishneedham.com

Christ Episcopal Church

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Congregation Ruach Israel A Messianic Jewish Synagogue

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First Parish in Needham, Unitarian Universalist

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Good Shepherd Christian Fellowship

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Needham Baha'i Community

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Presbyterian Church in Needham

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St. Joseph's Church

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