

WALK WITH US

ON A FREE TOUR OF HISTORIC DEDHAM SQUARE!

Saturday, June 16th ~ 2:00pm

Join the curator of the Fairbanks House museum on a free one-hour walking tour of Dedham to learn about its remarkable history. Family-friendly for ages 8 and up, the tour is story-telling at its best!

For tickets & more information, call The Fairbanks House at 781 326-1170.

Tickets limited to 20. Donations are appreciated.



- ✓ Discover why Dedham, founded in 1636, is one of the birthplaces of our country.
- ✓ Explore over four centuries of Dedham's history, where the oldest wood frame house in North America – the Fairbanks House museum c. 1637 - still stands.
- ✓ Did you know that Dedham was settled by English families shortly after Boston and Watertown, making it one of the oldest cities in Massachusetts (and our nation)?
- ✓ Did you know that Dedham was first named Contentment when it was founded in 1636?
- ✓ Did you know that the original land grant of Dedham once encompassed more than 15 now neighboring cities and towns from Needham to Wrentham?
- ✓ Did you know that the first public school in the country was established here?
- ✓ Did you know that one of notorious convicted murderers in Massachusetts was hanged here, attracting more than 10,000 onlookers?

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Town Landing on the Charles River where the early settlers arrived by boat from Watertown

First Church which occupies the site of both the first Dedham school & first meeting house for Dedham's early settlers

Norfolk Tavern c. 1801 which hosted overnight guests Pres. Andrew Jackson, VP Martin Van Buren and the Marquis d Lafayette

Samuel Dexter House c. 1761 where George Washington spent a night

The Old Village Cemetery c. 1636 is one of the finest examples in the country of a colonial graveyard

Dedham Historical Society Museum to see its collections

The Fairbanks House

