



# TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

## TOWN MANAGER'S OPERATIONAL REPORT

Welcome to December's Town Manager's Operational Report, providing an update on key projects, upcoming initiatives, and important community news. Inside, you'll find detailed progress on infrastructure improvements, budget highlights, and opportunities for resident engagement.



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## TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

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### Message from the Town Manager

November was an extremely busy month for my office and the Town operationally. Some of the community events that I attended this month include:

- Senior Center Municipal Aggregation Informational Meeting – November 5<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Center Veterans Appreciation Event – November 10<sup>th</sup>
- Tri-Town Veterans Day Parade – November 11<sup>th</sup>
- BPD Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors – November 19<sup>th</sup>
- MMA Conference – November 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>
- Group of residents at the Cedar Street Community Center – November 24<sup>th</sup>

As always, it is great to interact with the community and residents in different mediums than usual. I want to thank our staff and the volunteers who were critical to these community events. Their willingness to roll up their sleeves, coordinate, and make these events happen is commendable and appreciated. At Town Council meetings in November, staff addressed water quality concerns, tax classification, and other issues. In December, we will continue to address water quality and capacity issues, fire department operations, capital appropriations and will begin discussing our preparation and work for the FY27 budget.

### Ask the Town Manager

*What is the Town doing regarding its water infrastructure?*

It's important to reiterate that quality drinking water is paramount. Communities in Massachusetts and across the nation are grappling with water infrastructure challenges, just as Bridgewater is. The Town has had a long-range capital improvement plan for its water system and has been doing the work associated with the Water System's Master Plan, which can be found [here](#). We are prioritizing prudent investments in our water infrastructure while managing the costs associated with those improvements and ensuring we advocate for additional funding through all channels, including low-interest loans, grants, and earmarks at both the state and federal levels, to mitigate the associated costs for our users. We have developed short, intermediate and long-term plans that we are working to execute. As part of my Town Manager updates at Council meetings, I have made our water infrastructure updates a monthly recurring item so we can keep the Council and the public apprised of our efforts to address discoloration issues in particular. We'll provide an updated summary of the work we have completed, are currently doing, and will do regarding our water infrastructure in December and incorporate it into my next operational update.

Questions that wish to be considered as part of the Ask the Town Manager portion of this update can be sent to the following email: [townmanager@bridgewaterma.org](mailto:townmanager@bridgewaterma.org).

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## Town Website

At previous Council meetings, I have highlighted that the Town is currently working on a revamped Town website. Before my arrival, the Town decided to transition to a new website vendor to reduce expenses, a process that must be completed by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Town's current contract expires in December; therefore we are focusing on preparing the new website for launch and allocating limited resources to the current website, as support for that platform ends at the end of December. The Town is aware of concerns regarding the website and departments are working collaboratively with the IT Department to ensure a smooth transition to the new website, which we hope users will find user-friendly and easier to navigate.

## Organizational Review

The Town's HR Department continues to facilitate the Town's collaboration with the Collins Center as we complete an organizational review of our departments and operations. A kickoff meeting was conducted in October, and departmental meetings and work began in November. I expect we will have a report completed by late January and a presentation to the Council in February to discuss its findings.

## Municipal Electricity Aggregation

The Bridgewater Municipal Aggregation Program will become active in December. As a refresher, this program leverages the Town's collective purchasing power to secure a competitively priced, fixed-rate electricity supply for residents and small businesses while maintaining the same utility delivery service you already receive from National Grid. Participation is based on an opt-out program; however, customers may opt in or out at any time with no fees or penalties. Beginning in December 2025, the Town's standard default supply rate is \$0.14123 per kilowatt-hour, which will remain fixed for 35 months through November 2028. For comparison, National Grid's Basic Service rate is \$0.15484 per kilowatt-hour through January 31, 2026. While residents will see initial savings at program launch, it is important to note that National Grid's Basic Service rates change twice annually. Although the Town's fixed aggregation rate is lower at the outset of the program, it may not always be the lowest available at any given time. The Colonial Power Group, the Town's aggregation consultants, hosted an additional informational meeting at the Cole Yeaton Senior Center on November 5<sup>th</sup>. For any further questions or assistance, please contact Colonial Power Group directly at [www.colonialpowergroup.com/bridgewater](http://www.colonialpowergroup.com/bridgewater) or (866) 485-5858 ext.1.

## Assistant Town Manager

In recognition of how critical this position is to the organization, the Assistant Town Manager position was advertised in November with the expectation that interviews would occur in December and that a new Assistant Town Manager would join our team in February. This position was frozen through December as part of the post-supplement budget.

## ICMA-Credentialed Manager

On a personal note, I am pleased to report that I was notified by the International City/County Management Association that I have been designated an ICMA Credentialed Manager. To receive this credential, "a member must have significant experience as a senior management executive in local government; have earned a degree, preferably in public

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administration or a related field; and demonstrated a commitment to high standards of integrity and to lifelong learning and professional development.” Less than 30 active Town Managers/Administrators in the Commonwealth have this credential, and I highlight it because one of the commitments that is made upon receiving this credential is a commitment to professional development and learning, which includes mandated professional development hours and annual reporting, which I believe are crucial to being a successful manager. I am grateful to have received this credential and will devote any professional development opportunities to specifically addressing the challenges and opportunities we face in Bridgewater.

## Board/Committee Vacancies

We want to remind residents that there are numerous vacancies across our 29 boards, commissions and committees to which the Town appoints volunteers to serve and contribute their time and expertise to various Town functions and priorities. More details regarding vacancies and the mission of each committee can be found on the Town's website at: <https://www.bridgewaterma.org/198/Boards-Committees-Commissions>

Residents who wish to apply for appointment consideration may complete the online application at: <https://www.bridgewaterma.org/FormCenter/Citizens-Advisory-Committee-9/BoardCommitteeCommission-Application-57>.

The committee we will highlight this month is the **Board of Health**, which has 2 vacancies. The Board of Health seeks to preserve and maintain the Town's public health standards and protect its environmental resources by educational means and by strict enforcement of various regulations, ordinances, State Health Codes, General Laws, in particular MGL Chapter 111 and federal law.



# HUMAN RESOURCES

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This month, HR has been hard at work fostering both employee and community engagement across the Town of Bridgewater. We celebrated milestones and showed appreciation for the many contributions happening in every department. Our team also hosted events and attended professional seminars to continue strengthening our support for Town employees.

From learning and development opportunities to celebrations and recognition, HR remains dedicated to ensuring every member of our workforce feels valued, supported, connected and proud to be part of the Bridgewater community.

**Carolyn Wood, Human Resources Director**  
**Marisa Kurey, Human Resources Generalist**

## Community Engagement:

Food and Clothing/Winter Essentials Drive – Monday, November 24 through Friday, December 19



This holiday season, we are coming together to support Bridgewater families in need through our Food and Clothing Drive. Your generosity can make a meaningful difference for our residents.

We are currently collecting:

- New or gently used clothing
- Winter essentials (jackets, hats, scarves, gloves, etc.)
- Non-perishable food items

All donations will directly benefit the Bridgewater Food Pantry and Central Square Congregational Church, ensuring our contribution goes right back to supporting residents in our own community.

Donation bins will be located on the first floor of Town Hall for easy drop-off. Every contribution—big or small—helps brighten the season for a local family.

## Employee Engagement:

Garden of Gratitude – Monday, November 24 through Friday, December 19

During this time of year, we invite all our employees to visit our “Garden of Gratitude” display on the first floor of Town Hall. They can select a leaf, flower, butterfly or bee and write something they are grateful for. Once added to the display, every message helps our garden grow and reminds us of the many good things within our community.

Together, we can spread kindness and connection across all departments and make this season a little brighter for everyone.



# HUMAN RESOURCES

## Retirement Planning Day – Monday, November 10

At the Town of Bridgewater we are dedicated to ensuring our employees are set up for success throughout their careers and beyond. To support long-term financial wellness, we recently hosted a Retirement Planning Day, providing staff with the opportunity to meet one-on-one with representatives from Empower Retirement and Plymouth County Retirement.

Employees were able to ask questions, review their plans, and receive personalized guidance to help them feel confident and prepared for the future. We are proud to offer resources that empower our workforce and reinforce that planning for retirement is not just important, it's achievable.

## Halloween Week Events Concluded – Friday, October 31



Congratulations to our winner of the “guess the weight” of the pumpkin contest, Shane O’Brien! Shane guessed the exact weight of 14.1 pounds!



Also pictured below is our **Best Individual Costume winner – Shelley McCauley, Chief Assessor** – and our **Best Group Costume winners – the Treasurer/Collector Department** dressed as the “Spice Girls.”

Congratulations to all of our winners, and a big **thank you to everyone who participated!** Your creativity and Halloween spirit brought so much fun and energy to Town Hall, and we appreciate everyone who joined in on the celebration.



# HUMAN RESOURCES

## Recruitment:



We are actively recruiting a **Part-Time Van Driver** for our Senior Center. Join us and be part of a team making a difference in our community!

If interested, please [apply here](#).

## Seminars Attended:

On Wednesday, November 5, we had the opportunity to attend the Public Safety Workshop hosted by MIIA, focusing on Injured-On-Duty laws, claims management, medical strategies, and return-to-work processes.

This training provided practical insights, real-world scenarios, and updated best practices that will help us better support our public safety employees and strengthen our internal processes.

Thank you to MIIA, Cabot Risk Strategies LLC, and Chubb for organizing such an informative and engaging session. We are always grateful for opportunities to learn and continue improving how we serve our community!



## Celebrations and Appreciation:

Please join us in wishing a very happy birthday to all of our employees celebrating this month, including Dan G., Joshua S., John S., Ryan Y., George Z., Thomas L., Adam S., Glen G., John C., Tim A., Teresa G., Matthew L., Ryan T. and Laurie G. We're so glad to celebrate you!



A big congratulations to our employees marking work anniversaries this month! We appreciate your dedication and the impact you make every day. Thank you for your continued commitment to the Town of Bridgewater. This month we recognize Brian H., Mike C., Casey F., Christopher H., Thomas R., John S., Paul C., Andrea B., Casey R., Debbie W., Michael F., George Z., Robert B., Clint A., Chris H., Peter T., Scott B., Marie P. and Yamaris T.M.



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## Finance Departments Update – Laurie Guerrini/Finance Director

### Accounting Operational Update

During November, the department completed all weekly warrants on time and managed an increased volume of requisitions and invoices as other departments wrapped up fall projects and seasonal purchasing. Payroll was processed accurately and on schedule, and staff is collaborating with HR on year-end tasks including W-2 review and employee record updates.

Grant activity was reviewed for remaining balances and compliance, reimbursement requests were submitted, and monthly grant reconciliations were completed. Account reconciliations were finalized through October and the department continued monitoring spending and responding to budget-to-actual inquiries from departments. Capital project work included processing vendor invoices and coordinating with project leads to ensure required documentation was in place.

The department also assisted staff with purchasing procedures, contract questions, and PRR-related inquiries.

Looking ahead to December, priorities include audit support, year-end payroll processing, spending reminders, and closing out older project balances.

### **FY2026 Financial Reporting for October can be found on the town website:**

[FY2026 Financial Reporting October](#)

### Assessing Operational Update

After the assessors have determined the final values for all properties they must report valuation and tax base growth information to BLA before the tax rate can be set. The series of schedules used to report this information are usually designated as “LA” forms. The forms were submitted to the Bureau of Local Assessments on October 29th, 2025 and certified on November 3rd, 2025.

Once a community is certified as assessing property at full and fair cash value, local officials are required to determine for the fiscal year of certification and the fiscal years that follow until the next scheduled certification, the percentages of the tax levy to be borne by each class of real property: residential, open space, commercial and industrial, and by personal property for that year. This decision is to be made after holding a public hearing. Bridgewater’s classification hearing will be held on December 2nd, 2025.

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In other news, the assessor’s office wishes to remind all chapter land applicants the current deadline for applying to the assessors for forest, farm or recreational land classification is December 1st of the calendar year before the start of the fiscal year the classification will be effective.

Any new taxpayer that would like to inquire about Chapter Land should contact the assessor’s office at 508-659-1273. The assessor’s department also committed motor vehicle commitment #6 to the collector on November 17th, 2025, in the amount of \$ 82,008.31. Commitment #6 has an issue date of November 26th, 2025, and a due date of December 29th, 2025.

# FINANCE DEPARTMENT

## Treasurer/Revenue Collecting Operational Update

Fiscal Year 2026 – Quarter 2 Tax Bill Update

Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills were due November 3rd, 2025. Thank you to everyone who submitted their payments on time!

### Real Estate Taxes

So far this year, we've received over 16,000 Real Estate payments, totaling about \$30 million.

Here's how residents chose to pay:

- 56% through mortgage/escrow companies
- 19% in person at Town Hall
- 13% by mail to the Collector's P.O. Box
- 12% online through the Town website

### Personal Property Taxes

We've also received more than 370 Personal Property payments, totaling about \$953,000.

Payment methods used:

- 52% by mail to the Collector's P.O. Box
- 31% online through the Town website
- 17% in person at Town Hall

### Treasurer/Collector's Office Update

The Town offers in-person payment at the Collector's Office and online option for payment.

<https://www.bridgewaterma.org/310/Online-Payment-Center>

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**THANK YOU to residents, staff, and the Council for staying engaged and supporting the Town's financial health.**

### Finance Contact Information

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#### **Treasurer/Revenue Collecting**

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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### Fire Department – Objectives and Updates November 26, 2025

**New Apparatus – Engine 3** – We are excited to share that we have taken delivery of our new Engine 3 (E3). It's a 2025 E-One Typhoon. This truck will be replacing our old Engine 3, a 2007 Pierce Velocity, which is our oldest piece of firefighting apparatus in the fleet. Our firefighters have received training on this new truck.



### Training:

- Dr. Daniel Muse, Signature Health Care (11/17/24) – Dr. Muse came to the Fire Station to conduct a case review with our Firefighter/Paramedics.
- Traction Splint Training – Each group participated in a traction splint training this month. A traction splint is used for a mid-shaft femur fracture.
- Prodigy Recertification – Our Firefighter/Paramedics are completing online training through Prodigy for their Paramedic recertification. Each Paramedic can complete 48 hours of continued education on this online portal. Paramedics are required to recertify their license every two years.
- Confined Space Rescue Technician Course – Firefighters Mike Farias, Kevin Gunnarson, Brian Lundstedt and Ryan Malone completed an intense 5-day Confined Space Rescue Technician course at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. This hands-on program focused on how to handle challenging rescue situations in tight and hazardous areas such as tunnels, tanks and industrial sites. These classes are part of Bridgewater Fire's continued commitment to technical rescue training. A few of our members serve on the Plymouth County Technical Rescue Team, responding to confined space, trench, rope, water and structural collapse incidents across the county and state. Our team is always training and ready to serve the Town of Bridgewater and all of Plymouth County.
- National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) Orientation & Training (11/25/25) – Several members of the department attended a NERIS training at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. In January of 2026, fire departments will be changing from the NFIRS to NERIS, a new platform that will modernize our fire reporting and will be a secure cloud-based system.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT



**Community Engagement/Events:**

- BGSL Fall Fest & Trunk or Treat (11/1/25) – Our on-duty crew assisted the Bridgewater Girls Softball League with their candy drop as part of their Fall Fest & Trunk or Treat.
- GMES School Visits - Bus Evacuation & Fire Safety (Week of 11/5 11/7/25) - FF Jason Akstin, FF Cori Handorff, FF Mike Murano & FF Ryan Young visited the GMES. They practiced bus evacuation procedures and provided students with fire safety education. It's always a great opportunity to visit our schools!
- SERFAA Meeting (11/6/25) – Our executive assistant attended the Southeastern Regional Fire Administrator's Association meeting. Thank you to Kendra from Halifax Fire for hosting!
- Veteran's Appreciation Event (11/10/25) – Chief Schlatz attended the Veterans Appreciation Event at the senior center.
- Tri-Town Veteran's Day Parade (11/11/25) – Our Honor Guard marched in the Tri-Town Veterans Day Parade in West Bridgewater. Thank you to our CERT Team who were on hand at both events to provide assistance. We were grateful to participate in these events to honor all veterans.
- Winter Safety Tips Presentation at the Senior Center (11/12/25) – FF Jason Anacki did a presentation at the senior center on winter safety tips. Thank you to the senior center for inviting us to share this information with our seniors!
- Fire Truck Ride to School (11/24/25) – We had a fire truck ride to school with Luna. She was the lucky winner of the raffle prize at our Open House & we hope she enjoyed it!
- BRRHS Food Drive for the Food Pantry (11/24/25) - Our firefighters partnered up with the BRRSD to pick up donations from the GMES, WIS and EOMS. They picked up 10 truckloads & delivered the food donations from the school to the food pantry at the Central Square Congregational Church. Thank you to our firefighters for volunteering their time to help in our community!

**Upcoming Events:**

- Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response (ASHER) Training (12/4-12/9/25)
- Santa Riding around Town in the Fire Engine (12/13 & 12/14/25)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Staff Wellness Fair at BRRSD (1/28/26)

**Calls for January – October 2025:**

	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	YTD Totals
Fire	7	6	14	13	6	8	5	7	8	9	83
EMS	314	299	291	278	346	316	285	287	311	308	3035
False Alarm	46	45	46	55	63	80	83	61	85	88	652
Other	54	41	72	57	45	52	50	43	49	59	522
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>4292</b>



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Operational Update for the Police Department:

- On Tuesday, November 11th, we supported and participated in the Tri-Town Veterans Day Parade in West Bridgewater.
- On Wednesday, November 12th, we participated in the Coats For Vets program at Gillette Stadium, which provides winter clothing for local veterans. We partner annually with Veterans Services Agent Greg Martin and Navy veteran/SAVE volunteer Everett Rhodes to participate in the clothing distribution.
- On Friday, November 14th, we met with representatives of the Bridgewater Business Association regarding this year's Christmas on the Common event and parade.
- On Tuesday, November 18th, we met with a representative of the Collins Center, who collected data on current department needs and operational assessment.
- On Tuesday, November 18th, we attended a meeting of BRidging LIVES at Bridgewater-Raynham High School to present a donation to the local substance abuse coalition. The Bridgewater Police 5K and 1 Mile Kids Fun Run raised and donated a total of \$2,000 during this year's road race. Both runs were coordinated by Race Director Rebakah Caylor.
- On Wednesday, November 19th, we hosted our 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Bridgewater Police Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors. This annual event is sponsored by Bridgewater State University. We host approximately 160 seniors at the senior center with another 20 meals delivered to home-bound seniors. The event would not be possible without the support of the staff at Elder Affairs including Director Courtney Riley and Office Assistants Ann Holmberg and Maddie Jankowski.
- On November 25th, we attended a meeting at the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission at their offices in Boston.





# PUBLIC WORKS

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## Department of Public Works Operational Report Summary and Highlights for October 2025

In addition to the reporting that follows, there are many ongoing projects at various stages that the Department of Public Works is involved with, which are too numerous to detail herein. We are happy to provide further information on request.

### Executive Summary - Azu Etoniru, P.E., P.L.S., Director

The Department of Public Works (DPW) and its Divisions (Administration, Engineering, Highway, Sewer, Water, and Facilities) continue to deliver engineering, highway, sewer, water infrastructure development and management services, public buildings and facilities operations maintenance and management, **with the health, safety, and welfare of the public always held paramount above all else.**

The **month of November represents** a continuation of the various work activities and projects that were started in previous months across all the DPW Divisions, focusing on public safety related maintenance work on the town's roads, water supply, sanitary wastewater collection and treatment (including the upgrade work that continues at the Morris Ave Wastewater Treatment Plant for Nitrogen Treatment; and AECOM, the firm we selected to assist the town with the Phase II Design work at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for phosphorous removal/treatment, has fully mobilized and initiated work on the pilot test program), repairs and replacement of water main and service line breaks at several locations, including Cross Street. The Highway Division's repair of countless potholes on several roads remains ongoing.

### DPW Main Projects Overview:

Ramco Construction Company of West Bridgewater continues its contract work on the drainage system replacement and upgrade project on High Street. We expect the work to be substantially completed by December 2025.

Flagg Street drainage system replacement and upgrade work has been completed. The installation of new pavement binder course on the street by T. L. Edwards Paving Company has been completed and pavement marking for traffic control has been completed. **The final pavement wearing surface will be installed in spring of 2026 in order to allow for the various road base and subgrade work to settle in.**

In cooperation with the HR Department, the DPW continues its search for a sewer superintendent. We would like to take this opportunity and express our gratitude for the incredible work that Jeff DeViveiros has done during the past four months serving as our interim sewer superintendent, while doing his full-time job as the chief sewer treatment operator. It really has been a delight watching Jeff discharge his responsibilities with incredible fortitude and grace.

# PUBLIC WORKS

The Engineering Division continues to move the town's technical level of operations to a high professional-grade level, focusing on creating digital as-built record data for the town's water, sewer, and storm drain infrastructure, along with safety audit and planning for several dams around the town. The development of the digital as-built record plans will facilitate future infrastructure management and development/improvement work. The Division also provides technical review assistance to the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission for several projects and is currently overseeing several private site development and subdivision development work across the town, including but not limited to Ace Hardware Store facility on Bedford Street and a medical facility at Lakeshore Center across from the Nip Revolution Road residential subdivision.

The Facilities Division has been very busy during the month with numerous maintenance and service work management across several public buildings, including painting of damaged interior walls at the Memorial Building, HVAC maintenance work, roof repair work bidding for the police station and negotiation of service contracts with vendors. Much of the work currently focuses on winterizing our public buildings in readiness for the winter. The freeze cast structural mounting of the sculptures and painting work in the foyer at the Municipal Office Building at 66 Central Square has been completed.

Capital projects planning and reviews are currently underway in coordination with the Finance Department.

We continue to aggressively explore opportunities to secure stable and sustainable water supply with reliable quality for the town's residents. We won't rest until this goal has been achieved on a permanent basis.



# HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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## Health Department Operational Report: 11/3-11/25/25

### Septic:

- D-Box inspection- 20 Fairway Dr.
- Percolation test- (Full day)- 593 Plymouth St.
- Percolation test- 41 Marianne Dr.
- Bottom hole/final- 82 Concetta Dr.
- Bottom hole/final- 489 Flagg St.
- Bottom hole/final- 295 Pine St.
- Bottom hole/final- 125 Walnut St.
- Bottom hole/final- 313 Plain St.
- Bottom hole/final- 1373 Old Pleasant St.
- Bottom hole/final- 1155 Plymouth St.
- Percolation test- (Full day, #2)- 593 Plymouth St.
- Percolation test- (Full day)- 550 Curve St.
- Bottom hole/final- 141 Spruce St.
- Bottom hole/final- 138 East St.

### Plan Reviews:

- 1570 Old Pleasant St.
- 141 Spruce St.
- 0 Pine St- LOT #1 & LOT #5
- 48 Concetta Dr.

### Well Reviews:

- 60 Legge

### Housing:

- Section 8 inspection- 2 New Units, 980 Plymouth St. #6, #7.
- Trash complaint (completed) Edge Hill Rd.

### Food inspections:

- King Garden
- Bridgewater Sports Dome
- Burger King (115 Broad St.)
- Baldies Pizza
- Ninety-Nine Restaurant
- Burger King (Rte. 24 N&S)



# BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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The Building Department

Monthly Statistics

November 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025

From November 1st, 2025, through November 30th, 2025, the Building Department saw a total of \$109,206.61 in revenue associated with the following:

Building Permits reviewed and issued – 124

Building Inspections performed – 127

Electrical Permits reviewed and issued – 60

Electrical Inspections performed – 167

Gas Permits reviewed and issued – 26

Gas Inspections performed – 23

Plumbing Permits reviewed and issued – 34

Plumbing Inspections performed – 44

	<b>Permits</b>	<b>Inspections</b>	<b>Fees</b>
<b>Building</b>	124	127	\$48,866.61
<b>Electrical</b>	60	167	54,150.00
<b>Gas</b>	26	23	2,145.00
<b>Plumbing</b>	34	44	4,045.00



# ELDER AFFAIRS

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## Bridgewater Senior Center Monthly Report November Highlights & December Preview

### NOVEMBER IN REVIEW

November was a heart-warming and activity-filled month here at the Bridgewater Senior Center, with many opportunities to honor members of our community and share our gratitude. We kicked off the month with a very successful Veterans Day celebration, co-sponsored with the Bridgewater Veterans Committee and highlighted by a wonderful performance from the Singing State Trooper. It was a touching event that allowed us to thank and recognize our veterans in a meaningful way.

Later that same week, we shifted our focus to honoring caregivers. Through relaxing chair massages and soothing essential oils, we offered a moment of peace and appreciation for all the caregivers who support our seniors day in and day out. It was a small gesture to acknowledge the huge impact they have. Throughout the month, we were fortunate to host several enriching programs. The BSU kinesiology students returned with engaging wellness activities, bringing great energy and valuable health insights. We also welcomed the Bridgewater Fire Department for an important—and very interesting—winter safety talk. One of the month's highlights was the charming Tea for Alice Café, our Memory Café gathering, which brought people together for warm conversation, delicious treats and a cozy sense of community.

We closed the month with tremendous gratitude as the Bridgewater Police Department once again provided a generous Thanksgiving dinner for seniors across town. Their support and dedication to our community made the holiday brighter for so many.

Overall, November was filled with appreciation, connection, and community spirit. We're grateful for everyone who contributed to making it such a special month.



# ELDER AFFAIRS



## LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER

December at the Bridgewater Senior Center will be filled with festive spirit, meaningful reflection and many opportunities for our community to come together as we prepare to welcome the new year.

Tuesday, December 2nd at 10:30am, we will host a Dental Health Program with oral health screenings provided by Dr. Joseph Calabrese and Dr. Michelle Henshaw from Boston University. With limited spots available, this program will offer a valuable opportunity for seniors to focus on dental wellness during the busy holiday season.

Later in the month, on Friday, December 12th, Bridgewater seniors will have the chance to enter the drawing for this year's annual trip to the Boston Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops. The lucky winners will attend the festive performance and will enjoy dinner afterward at the Fireside Restaurant.

Our Winter Holiday Trip will take place on December 15th, when Scott will take a group to Jordan's Furniture to explore the magical Enchanted Village, followed by a cozy lunch at Olive Garden.

On December 17th at 11:30 a.m., we will celebrate with our big Frosty Fun & New Beginnings Winter Holiday Party. This festive event will include a fabulous lunch and an unforgettable performance by the amazing Laura James. Attendees will also have the chance to participate in our always-popular Ugly Sweater Contest, which is sure to bring lots of laughter and fun.

On December 22nd at 1:00 p.m., we will gather for our annual Lights of Remembrance ceremony. This peaceful, non-denominational gathering will provide a space to honor and remember loved ones who have passed. Through quiet reflection, gratitude and shared community, we will embrace the love and memories that continue to shine.

From December 22nd through December 30th, we will enjoy a relaxing and comforting week of Cocoa, Crafts & Cozy Fun. Seniors will be encouraged to wear their coziest clothes—flannel pants, sweatshirts, slippers—and join us for warm drinks, creative crafts, and plenty of time to unwind together.

Overall, December will be a month full of celebration, comfort, reflection, and community spirit. We look forward to sharing all these special moments together and welcoming a bright new year ahead.



# COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Conservation | Planning | Zoning | Stormwater | Health

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## November Operational Update

### CED Staff Activity

- Site visit for O Pleasant Street Enforcement (11/5/25)
- Attended Climate Smart Provisions for Local Wetland Bylaws Zoom meeting (11/6/25)
- Site visit for Hampden Avenue Lot 1 (11/12/25)
- Attended Proactive Coastal Relocation Zoom meeting (11/12/25)
- Conservation Commission meeting (11/13/25)
- Attended South Shore Bank Leadership Workshop (11/19/25), attended Joint Transportation Committee
- Old Colony Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting (BPAC)
- Old Colony Economic Development Commission (EDC) & Tech Hub Strategy: preliminary stakeholder meetings with OCPC.
- Planning Board meetings were on November 5th & 19th
- Annual Report for Green Communities submitted to the State with help from OCPC.



# BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

115 South St.  
Bridgewater, MA 02324

508-697-3331  
bridgewaterpubliclibrary.org

## Operational Update - October 2025

Category	Count
Visitors	6,683
Total Circulation	10,664
Physical Items	6,863
Digital Items	3,801
New Library Cards	63
Active Resident Cards	7,306
Public Computer Sessions	400
PC Hours Used	245
Reference Transactions	94
Library of Things Items	173
Website Views	13,220

### Narrative

October brought another strong month of activity across the Bridgewater Public Library. Foot traffic, circulation, technology use and program participation all remained high as patrons relied heavily on core services throughout the fall season. Staff continued to adjust desk coverage and workflows to ensure responsive service during the busiest hours and maintain a smooth patron experience.

Programming saw substantial engagement, with 54 adult programs drawing 1,503 participants and 21 youth programs bringing in 255 attendees. Families continued to appreciate seasonal displays and dependable offerings while new materials and holds were processed efficiently to keep up with demand. Collections work included ongoing cataloging and intake, particularly in youth areas.

# BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Public technology remained a daily necessity, with computer use, printing and scanning in steady demand. Reference staff supported a wide variety of patron needs, including research assistance, Wi-Fi printing, technology help and Library of Things guidance. Digital services via Libby and Hoopla continued to see consistent use across eBooks, audiobooks and streaming content.

Looking ahead, holiday planning is well underway. The library's annual Holiday Open House will be held on December 10th, featuring carols, cookies, cocoa, a visit from Santa and Ms. Claus, a performance by the BSU Social Justice Choir, a special holiday Story Time and a possible appearance by The Grinch.

In addition:

- December 8th – Kids Holiday Arrangement with the Bridgewater Garden Club and a Teen Gingerbread House Competition
- December 9th – Toddler Gingerbread House Fun Time, The Great Gingerbread Build-Off, and a Magic Behind the Holidays magician performance
- December 10th – Join us at the Holiday Open House for festive treats and live performances
- December 9th–23rd – Drop-In Present Wrapping: we provide tape, scissors, wrapping paper, bows, and workspace –just bring your gifts!

The library continues to serve as a welcoming and reliable community hub, offering an impressive range of programs and services with a small but dedicated team. As we move into the winter season, the focus remains on maintaining strong service delivery, supporting patron needs and creating festive, memorable experiences for all.



# PARKS & RECREATION

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## Parks and Recreation Department - November Update

**November was a busy month for maintenance functions on the fields.** Our team focused on field improvements and general fall maintenance throughout the month.

### Facility Improvements

The construction of the new dugouts at **Lower Stonedust** was completed and both dugouts have been painted. We stripped the stonedust off Lower Stonedust and replaced it with infield mix. We also placed sod and drainage around the new dugouts.

### Field Maintenance

Much time was spent working on Hayes Field. We stripped the sod on the infield and replaced it with new sod. We changed the configuration of the irrigation and rebuilt the pitcher's mound. Work on Hayes Field will continue this winter and will be complete mid-March.

### Community Sports

Our Badgers football teams finished their season in early November and we hosted the Superbowl this year.

**Lots of action and big improvements are happening across our parks, and we look forward to our spring 2026 season.**



# VETERANS' SERVICES

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**Attention Bridgewater veterans: if you are facing financial difficulties, the Bridgewater Office of Veteran's Services may be able to help. Please call 508-697-0908 to discuss your circumstances and to get you aligned with the benefits and services you have earned.**

November is always busy and eventful for the veterans' office, and this year was no different. As if the Veterans Day celebrations are not enough, we threw in a veterans appreciation event with the Singing Trooper at the senior center, gave away nearly 1,000 turkeys to veterans and their families in partnership with Crocetti's, partnered with the MA State Police to deliver 20 full Thanksgiving meals and any other spare bits of time was spent planning for our first annual Bridgewater Veterans Holiday Celebration. The reward for all this hard work comes from the appreciation we get from the veterans of Bridgewater and their families. You've served and sacrificed, and we thank you for allowing us to serve you.

## Veterans Appreciation Event

It was a packed house at the senior center to celebrate Bridgewater's veterans. This year's event just happened to coincide with the Marine Corps' 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was a celebration within a celebration! The traditional birthday cake cutting with our youngest marine and our eldest marine was quite a spectacle. And the performance from the Singing Trooper never disappoints. This year, for the first time, the Bridgewater Veteran's Office collaborated with the Bridgewater Senior Center to put on this wonderful event. We look forward to continuing this tradition.



*Marine Corps veterans from left to right: The Singing Trooper Sgt. Daniel Clark, the event's youngest Marine Jay Salhanick, and the event's eldest Marine Chuck Adler sing the Marines' Hymn in honor of US Marine Corps' 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday on November 10th, 2025.*

# VETERANS' SERVICES

## Veterans Day Celebrations

West Bridgewater hosted this year's Tri-Town Veterans Day Parade. It was a brisk and windy day but that did not deter all of the parade participants and spectators. The Bridgewater Veterans Council, VFW Post 2125 and the Fire for Effect Foundation were amongst the marching units.



*Right: US Army Veteran and Commander of Bridgewater's James A. Oliver VFW Post 2125, John Savageau salutes during the playing of Taps at this year's Tri-Town Veterans Day Parade. Photo Credit: RSS Photography*

## Crocetti's Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway

This year, Crocetti's Market in East Bridgewater stepped up their commitment to local veterans. Last year they pledged to give away 600 turkeys. This year was over 1,000! There were many volunteers, including local VSOs and Sean Murphy from the Bridgewater Veterans Council.



*South Shore Veterans Service Officers from left to right: Adam Gunn of Abington, Chris Buckley of East Bridgewater, Greg Martin of Bridgewater and Shannon Burke of Hingham.*

# VETERANS' SERVICES

## State Police Thanksgiving Dinner Giveaway

Bridgewater Army veteran and State Trooper Shawn Solomon and his team committed to delivering 20 full Thanksgiving meals to veterans and their families in Bridgewater. They are a tremendous asset to our community! We cannot thank them enough.



*State Trooper and Army veteran, Shawn Solomon (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) proudly stands with his team as they prepare to deliver meals to veterans and their families.*

## Senior Center Hours

The Bridgewater VSO has office hours at the senior center from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. every other Monday. Please feel free to make an appointment or just drop in if you would prefer to meet at the senior center. The VSO can extend hours there on other days as needed.