



TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

TOWN MANAGER'S OPERATIONAL REPORT

Welcome to November'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

I would like to continue highlighting the “Ask the Town Manager” portion of my Town Manager update. Every month, I will select a question we have received and address it as part of our organizational update. This is another way I will communicate with you, and I look forward to receiving your questions. Questions can be sent to the following email: townmanager@bridgewaterma.org

Ask the Town Manager

Why is the Town's municipal aggregation program an opt-out program? Is this even legal?

First, municipal aggregation programs are governed by Mass General Law, and plans are prepared in consultation with the Department of Energy Resources and ultimately submitted to the Department of Public Utilities for review and approval. Aggregation programs are opt-out programs, because they require the collective buying power of residents and businesses to attract competitive bids from electricity suppliers. Without a significant base of users, the Town would not be able to competitively bid our supply load and secure potentially favorable rates for consumers within the community. Those participating in this program should know that an aggregation program prioritizes choice and offers price stability for consumers. People can decide to opt-out and opt-in to the program with no penalty or fee associated with those decisions.

At Council meetings in October, there were several Town Manager updates and presentations that I believe are extremely important for residents to remain apprised of. The Town had a presentation regarding the MBTA communities law and compliance. The Fire Chief gave a presentation regarding the staffing needs of the Fire Department. A presentation was given providing an update on water for the Town. During that presentation, we outlined the timelines, expected costs, and projects that the Town is undertaking to address its water infrastructure needs. Without a doubt, addressing and improving the Town's water infrastructure is a priority issue for me and the team. We are prioritizing efforts to move forward in addressing projects that address water treatment and capacity. A video of that Council meeting that includes the presentation can be found [here](#). Over the forthcoming months, we will continue to provide updates and information regarding our progress in addressing this issue. Finally, the Council deliberated on the potential establishment of a Tax Increment Financing District (TIF). Although the Council ultimately decided not to establish the district, I provided a presentation that I believe is important for residents to view and understand, as TIFs are tools that are utilized to help spur economic development in communities. There were many misconceptions about TIFs, and I believe it is important for the community to understand what a TIF is. You can find that presentation [here](#).

Additionally, during the month of October, Town staff met with executive staff from Bridgewater State University to discuss opportunities to enhance communication and partnership on various issues. Topics included public safety, collaboration on water conservation measures, cybersecurity partnerships, and internship programs, among other topics.

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Moving forward in November, my team and I will begin the process of presenting our Capital Improvement Plan, along with preliminary discussions about the parameters of the FY27 budget. I have met with Superintendent Powers and Town Administrator Barnes regarding how we will approach the FY27 budget. We have also held discussions about how capital is funded for the following years. I have found those meetings to be productive and fruitful, and I want to highlight that we have initiated dialogue early and all partners are collaborating.

Grants

The Town does not have a dedicated official or department tasked solely with procuring and applying for grants. However, the team has been active in applying for grant funding to augment the Town's operational and capital funds. Some of the grants that I have been involved in applying for this month include Complete Streets funding, which addresses transportation funding needs. Some of our request includes a request for funding to help address pedestrian and traffic improvements in the downtown area. The Town also applied for Green Communities grant funding to help address opportunities for reducing municipal energy use and enhancing energy efficiency. Finally, I have explored a grant opportunity that would provide a dollar-for-dollar match for a portion of opioid settlement funds that the Town has received. We will then utilize that grant to initiate a process for developing a framework for allocating opioid settlement funds.

Municipal Electricity Aggregation

I am pleased to say that the Town's Municipal Aggregation program has been launched. As a refresher, Municipal Aggregation allows us to use the Town's collective buying power to secure a competitively priced, fixed electricity supply for our residents and small businesses, while keeping the same utility service you rely on every day. It allows consumers to have options and make the most cost-effective decisions for themselves. The highlight of the program is that it's an opt-out program, where residents can opt in or out based on meter reads with no fees or penalties. The Town's standard default rate will be \$0.14123, effective December 2025, and will remain fixed for 35 months. In comparison, the National Grid basic service rate is \$0.15484 through January 31, 2026. So, while residents will initially realize savings through our program, basic service rates change twice a year, generally, so while the Town's default rate is lower than National Grid's, the aggregation rate may not always be lower than the Basic Service Rate. The Colonial Power Group (which is our Town's aggregation consultant) held an informational meeting at Town Hall on Thursday, October 30th, to answer questions that our community members had about this program. This meeting was recorded and broadcast by Bridgewater Television Station and can be viewed [HERE](#). An additional informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5th at 1:00PM at the Col-Yeaton Senior Center in Bridgewater (this meeting will not be recorded or televised).

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, contributing 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>

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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 **Bridgewater-Raynham School Committee**, which has 1 vacancy. The Bridgewater-Raynham School Committee oversees and votes on the budget, creates policies, hires and evaluates the Superintendent, and participates in the long-term planning and vision for the District. They usually meet once a month in the evenings and serve as representatives for the educational and developmental needs and interests of all students. For more information, visit the Bridgewater-Raynham School Committee web page [HERE](#). Applications for this position can be found at the Town Clerk's office.



HUMAN RESOURCES

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This month, HR has been busy celebrating and supporting our Town employees in meaningful ways. We welcomed new team members and said farewell to those moving on. We also hosted events designed to foster connection and engagement across the organization. From celebrating milestones to showing appreciation across departments, HR remains dedicated to ensuring our workforce feels valued, supported, and connected.

Welcoming New Team Members:



Taylor Silva – Assistant Librarian

We're excited to welcome Taylor as our new Assistant Librarian! Taylor joins us with an impressive background and valuable experience. In this role, he will be supporting daily library operations, assisting patrons, and helping our programing and resources for the community.



William Young – Water Superintendent

We are pleased to welcome William "Billy" Young as our new Water Superintendent. Billy brings extensive experience in water system management and a strong commitment to public service. In this role, he will oversee the operations of the Water Department.



Grace Spintig – Water Handler

We're excited to have Grace join our Water Department as a Water Handler! She will be working alongside our team to maintain and operate the town's water system. We're looking forward to all the ways she will contribute to the department and the community.

Farewells:



Joseph McEvoy – Light Equipment Operator

We want to thank Joey for his hard work and dedication as our Light Equipment Operator. He has been an important part of our water team, and we wish him all the best with his future endeavors!

HUMAN RESOURCES

Employee Engagement:

🏈 Football Frenzy – Employee Appreciate Event!



We kicked off our Football Frenzy event, bringing employees together for a day full of excitement, friendly competition, and team spirit! From game-day snacks to fun contests and activities, everyone had a blast cheering on their favorite teams.

Congratulations to our Game-Day Appetizer Competition winners: James O., Eric B., Brad D., and Chris H.!

A special thank you to our expert taste-testers: Kajelyn B., Justin C-D., Carolyn W., Marisa K., and Josh M., for helping to make the competition a delicious success.



Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this event a true touchdown!



HUMAN RESOURCES

🎃 Let's Celebrate Pumpkins!



During the last week of October, employees have the chance to learn about the many health benefits of pumpkins! We're also hosting a pumpkin contest, where you can guess the weight of the display pumpkin for a chance to win a gift card.

To add to the fun, we've prepared a pumpkin trail mix featuring pumpkin granola with seeds, candy corn, dried cranberries, sea salt popcorn, dark chocolate chips, and pretzels! Plus, we have flyers with healthy pumpkin recipes and tips for everyone to take home.

A big thank you to Mayflower Municipal Health Group for helping make these events possible for our employees!

Attended Seminars:

On October 23, we attended the MMHR Annual Labor Relations Seminar at the Devens Common Center. The day included sessions on Labor Law updates, managing the ADA disability process, and legislative changes, along with a variety of workshops. It was a valuable opportunity to gain practical insights, learn best practices, and network with fellow municipal HR professionals.



The seminar provided tools and strategies that we can bring back to our workplace to further strengthen our HR practices.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Celebrations and Appreciation:



We're excited to recognize our employees who celebrated birthdays this month! Please join us in wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to: John H., Marie P., Michael F., James C., Benjamin G., Ryan M., Renee R., Greg M., Paul C., Carl N., Jason A., Joshua A., Carolyn W., David B., Casey F., Andrew F., Justin C.-D., Christine N., and Nicole S.

We'd also like to congratulate our employees celebrating work anniversaries this month! Thank you for your dedication, hard work, and ongoing commitment—your contributions make a real difference. Jeffrey G., Carlos G., Steven S., Michael M., Ryan Y., Michael B., Gregory T., Kevin G., Brian M., Azu E., Ann Marie G., James O., David S., James L., and Gerald W.



Should you have any questions or require assistance with any HR-related matters, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at HR@bridgewaterma.org. Thank you for your continued dedication and support to this Town!



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Accounting | Assessing | Revenue Collection | Treasury

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Finance Departments Update - Laurie Guerrini/Finance Director

Accounting Operational Update

Third quarter financials are now complete, giving a clear picture of how the Town is doing. You can view them on the Town's website here: [FY2026 Q1 Financial Packet](#)

We're also wrapping up the FY25 year-end reports for the State of Massachusetts, including the Schedule A and Combined Balance Sheet important documents that show how the Town's finances are managed and help ensure we remain in good standing. Looking ahead, the team is working with departments on the Capital Improvement Plan, which helps shape the Town's priorities and prepare for future needs and investments. We've also begun early preparation for FY27 budget discussions, keeping us ahead of schedule.

The Accounting team appreciates everyone's cooperation and support as we continue to keep the Town's finances strong, transparent, and steady!

Assessing Operational Update

An assessment is the value placed upon all real and personal property for the purpose of local property taxation. An analysis of market conditions along with the assessment level and uniformity must be performed annually as of January 1 whether for the five-year certification or for an interim year adjustment. Performance analyses should be calculated to determine assessment levels and uniformity within the assessing jurisdiction. If there has been a change in market conditions which warrant property valuation adjustments, property values must be adjusted in a fair and equitable manner to reflect full and fair cash value as of January 1 in accordance with G.L. c. 59 § 2A.

Assessors must annually adjust valuations to reflect changes in the tax base due to new construction, alterations, or demolitions. In years between five-year certification, the assessors may undertake and complete a valuation adjustment program without the prior review or approval of the Bureau of Local Assessment. This is called an interim year adjustment. A plan, which includes analyses and application of appropriate appraisal methods, must be used to develop any valuation adjustments. After completion of the program, the community's assessments should be equitable and consistent within and between all property classes, as evidenced by conformity with accepted mass appraisal measures of assessment level and uniformity. This year is an interim year for the Town of Bridgewater.

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 will be submitted to the Bureau of Local Assessments in October 2025.

In other news the assessor's office will be mailing out Chapter Land applications to all taxpayers that filed last year on October 31, 2025. The current deadline for applying to the assessors for forest, farm or recreational land classification is December 1 of the calendar year before the start of the fiscal year, the classification will be effective.

Any taxpayer that does not receive an application and applied last year or any new taxpayer that would like to inquire about Chapter Land please contact the assessor's office at 508-659-1273.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Treasurer/Revenue Collecting Operational Update

Treasurer/Collector's Office Update

Fall is in full swing, and the Treasurer/Collector's Office has been busy keeping things on track!

FY26 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes – Second quarter bills have been mailed and are due on Monday, November 3, 2025.

FY26 Water and Sewer Bills – October water and sewer bills have also gone out and are due in November. If you haven't seen yours yet or have a question about your account, feel free to reach out we're happy to help.

FY25 Delinquent Accounts – The office is preparing any unpaid FY25 Real Estate and Personal Property taxes for transfer to the Deputy Collector. If you think you might have an outstanding balance, now's a good time to give us a call to take care of it before that happens.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support we truly appreciate our residents and your efforts to keep everything current!

The Town offers in-person payment at the Collector office and on-line option for payment

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

More updates to come as the year unfolds.

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

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Fire Department – Objectives and Updates October 31, 2025

New Fire Station (1185 Pleasant St) – The new Fire Station at 1185 Pleasant Street is coming along nicely and is still expected to be open by the end of the year or beginning of next year.



New Fire Station - 1185 Pleasant St

FY2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) – We received notification from FEMA that we were awarded the FY2024 AFG Grant in the amount of \$42,999.86. The grant award is for periodic physical exam and health screenings for our firefighters.

Fire Prevention Week (10/5-10/11/25) - Bridgewater Fire recognizes National Fire Prevention Week. Fire Prevention Week, organized by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), aims to teach everyone how to stay safe in case of a fire. This year, the theme is “Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home.” The NFPA works to educate everyone how important it is to buy, charge and recycle safely when it comes to lithium-ion batteries. For more information, visit: <https://www.nfpa.org/events/fire-prevention-week>.

Training:

- Emergency Vehicle Operations - All groups attended a refresher on Emergency Vehicle Operations. Periodically the department will conduct a classroom portion and cone course to practice different maneuvers while driving the Ambulances, Engines and Tower truck.
- Tower Operations and Roof Ventilation - The property owner at the Broad Street site (Old Friendly's Restaurant) graciously offered the use of the structure for training prior to its demolition. Crews practiced Aerial Ladder operations, and roof ventilation from the bucket of Tower 1.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Community Engagement/Events:

- Annual Autumn Fest (9/27/25) - Thanks to all who stopped by to see us at Autumn-Fest! FF Mike Farias, FF Billy Lieb, FF Brian Lundstedt and FF Ryan Malone were there to discuss fire safety & the importance of CPR! Thank you to the Bridgewater Business Association for inviting us to be a part of this amazing community event!
- 2025 National Night Out – BSU Tinsley Center (10/9/25) – FF Mike Farias & FF Cori Handorff were at the BSU National Night Out. Thank you to BSUPD for inviting us to participate in this event!
- Fire Prevention Outreach at Home Depot with CERT (10/11/25) – FF Jason Anacki along with Bridgewater CERT Team members providing some fire safety tips and information on how to join the CERT Team. Thank you to Home Depot for allowing us to set up outside their store!
- Trunk or Treat at Easter Seals (10/24/25) – FF Farias & FF Malone worked the Trunk or Treat were at the Easter Sales Trunk or Treat. Thank you to Easter Sales for making us a part of this event again this year!
- Bridgewater Fire Department Open House (10/25/25) - Thank you to everyone who stopped by our Open House on Saturday! It was a beautiful day & we had a great turnout! Thank you to our sponsors: American Red Cross, BFFA Local 2611, Boston MedFlight, The Boundless Bean, Bridgewater CERT, Bridge Mart, BSU Police Department, Bridging LIVES, Fire Chiefs Association of Plymouth County Major Operations Support Unit, Grants Rental, Plymouth County DA's Office, Plymouth County Sheriff's Department, Roche Bros. Supermarkets & Willwork Global Event Services! Thank you to our firefighters, their families and the BRRHS students who volunteered!
- Marine Corps Marathon (10/26/25) – FF Daniel Preach and retired FF David McGillis completed the Marine Corps Marathon. Congratulations to Dan and Dave on this accomplishment! We are very proud of both of you!

Upcoming Events:

- GMES School Visits - Bus Evacuation & Fire Safety (Week of 11/3/25)

Calls for January – September 2025:

	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	YTD Totals
Fire	7	6	14	13	6	8	5	7	8	74
EMS	314	299	291	278	346	316	285	287	311	2727
False Alarm	46	45	46	55	63	80	83	61	85	564
Other	54	41	72	57	45	52	50	43	49	463
Totals:	421	391	423	403	460	456	423	398	453	3828



POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Police Update

1. On Monday, Sept. 29, we attended a quarterly safety meeting of the Department of Corrections Community Board at MCI Bridgewater.
2. On Tuesday, Sept. 30, we started our 28th Citizens Police Academy class.
3. On Thursday, Oct. 2, we attended the dedication ceremony for the new police department building at BSU.
4. On Saturday, Oct. 4, we participated in the Touch-A-Truck event held at the Middle School.
5. On Monday, Oct. 6, we attended the Bridgewater State University/Town of Bridgewater Boots on the Ground public safety meeting.
6. On Wednesday, Oct. 8, we participated in the National Night Out Against Crime hosted at BSU.
7. On Saturday, Oct. 11, we participated and hosted National Faith & Blue weekend at the station. The event was a very successful stuff-a-cruiser donation drive for My Brothers Keeper.
8. On Wednesday, Oct. 15, we attended the Hanna Awards recognition ceremony in Worcester, MA.
9. On Friday, Oct. 24, we participated in a Trunk-Or-Treat public event at the Bridge Center / Easterseals of MA.
10. On Saturday, Oct. 25, we assisted with the Family Resource walk at the Williams School
11. On Wednesday, Oct. 29, we received our re-accreditation award at the annual Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission awards ceremony in Marlborough, MA.
12. On Friday, Oct. 31, several officers participated in our annual school-wide pre-Halloween safety day at the Mithcell Elementary School.





PUBLIC WORKS

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

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 October** saw 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 that 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, as well as mowing roadsides and town cemeteries; trimming of trees; painting crosswalks and pavement markings for traffic control remain on-going.

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.

In cooperation with the HR Department, the DPW commenced its search for a Sewer Superintendent and a Water Superintendent, following the retirement of Jonas Kazlauskas, who served the dual role of Sewer and Water Superintendent. **We are pleased to report that William (Bill) Young of Bridgewater has hit the ground running as our new Water Division Superintendent.** Bill brings a wealth of enthusiasm and working knowledge to the Division and we are excited about that. **We are also pleased to announce that Grace Spintig has joined the water treatment team.** We continue our search for a new Superintendent for the Sewer Division.

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.

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

We truly appreciate the cooperation of the town's residents in managing their water consumption/use, as together, we will preserve and stabilize our fragile natural resources. We continue our efforts toward ensuring safe water levels in the water towers at Great Hill and Sprague Hill for firefighting capability of the Fire Department. During the month of October, we turned on well 10B in order to stabilize water levels in the towers.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Health Department Operational Report: 10/1-10/31/25

Septic:

- Percolation test- 259 Cherry Street
- Percolation test- 38 Keith Place
- Percolation test- 373 Pond Street
- Percolation test- 1570 Old Pleasant Street
- D-Box replacement- 165 Grange Park
- Bottom hole/final- Jennifer Circle Lots 1 & 3
- Bottom hole/final- 1155 Plymouth Street
- Bottom hole/final- 29 Saddle Rd.
- Percolation test- 48 Concetta
- D-Box replacement- 90 North Street
- Bottom hole/final- 1705 South Street
- Percolation test- 341 Broad Street
- Bottom hole/final- 557 Old Forest Street
- Percolation test- 50 Heather Hills
- Bottom hole/final- 259 Cherry
- Percolation test- 390 Conant Street
- Percolation test- 55 Glenmore Lane

Plan Reviews:

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| 200 Grange Park | 125 Walnut Street | 489 Flagg Street |
| 350 Spruce Street | 313 Plain Street | 373 Pond Street |
| 261 Cross Street | 259 Cherry Street | |
| 745 Vernon Street | 38 Keith Place | |

Well Reviews:

- 55 Aspen

Housing:

- Main Street- Trash Complaint (Completed)
- Laurel Street- Abandoned property complaint (Completed)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Food inspections:

Ando Baking Co.Mullen Way (Residential kitchen)

Bridgewater House of Pizza

Riviera Café

B.S.U- Crimson Hall, Campus Center, Tillinghast Hall, Hisshe Sushi, East Campus

Bridgewater Schools- B/R High, Williams Intermediate, Middle School, George Mitchell Elementary

Bridgewater Bagel

MaryLou's News Coffee

Bridgewater Liquors

Cumberland Farms (Main St)

Boundless Bean (mobile and store)



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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The Building Department

Monthly Statistics

October 1, 2025, through October 30, 2025

From October 1, 2025, through October 30, 2025, the Building Department saw a total of \$91,640.67 in revenue associated with the following:

Building Permits reviewed and issued – 191

Building Inspections performed – 89

Electrical Permits reviewed and issued – 80

Electrical Inspections performed – 182

Gas Permits reviewed and issued – 28

Gas Inspections performed – 21

Plumbing Permits reviewed and issued – 37

Plumbing Inspections performed – 71

	Permits	Inspections	Fees
Building	191	89	\$62,483.67
Electrical	80	182	21,802.00
Gas	28	21	2,315.00
Plumbing	37	71	5,040.00



ELDER AFFAIRS

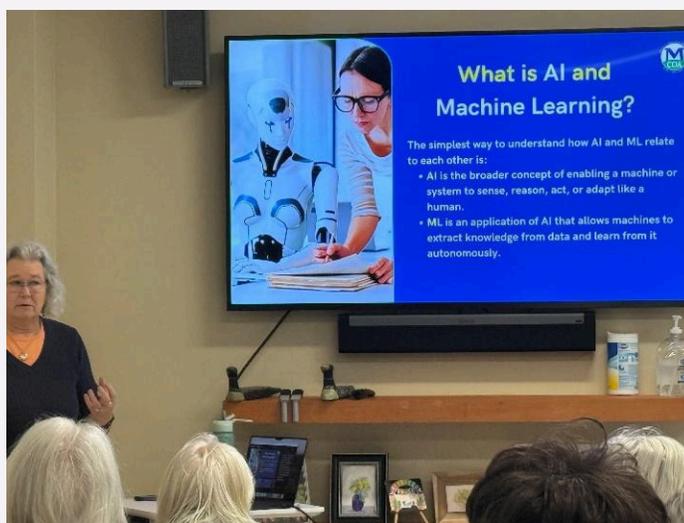
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Bridgewater Senior Center Monthly Report October Highlights & October Preview

OCTOBER IN REVIEW

October was a busy and productive month! Open Enrollment has officially started, and both our Outreach Worker, Kathy Hayes, and our Volunteer SHINE Helper, Sue, are completely booked through December when the enrollment period closes. Maddy Jankowski, our Community Wellness and Volunteer Coordinator, attended the MCOA Conference for two days and presented on the Hybrid Meal Program we launched last year through a SIG grant. Courtney also attended one day of the conference and returned with some great new ideas for the Center. We also enjoyed several wonderful programs this month. Highlights included Coffee with a Cop, an AI presentation, a pumpkin craft activity led by students from BSU, and a festive Halloween Party that brought lots of fun and great energy to the Center. Overall, October was a full and successful month, and we're excited to carry this momentum forward as we head into the end of the year.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER

November's programming focuses on themes of recognition, gratitude, and community connection. In recognition of National Caregivers Month, the Center will be hosting a Caregiver Appreciation Event on Thursday, November 13th, from 9:00–10:00 AM. Caregivers will receive mini massages and tokens of appreciation in recognition of their ongoing dedication and support.

ELDER AFFAIRS

The Center is collaborating with the Veterans Committee and the Council on Aging to co-sponsor the Veterans Day Event on November 10th. The program features a performance by The Singing Trooper, Dan Clark, followed by lunch.

On November 19th, the Bridgewater Police Department hosts its Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Center. This long-standing partnership continues to bring the community together, offering residents a warm and festive meal ahead of the holiday season.

Special Events and Programs

Bistro Buddy Lunch

On October 8th bring a friend who is new to Bistro to enjoy a delicious free meal in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Good food, great company, and friendly conversation make this the perfect midday outing.

Winter Safety with Bridgewater FD

Wednesday, November 12th, 10am

Join us as Firefighter Jason Anacki as he prepares us for winter safety measures! Learn practical tips on preventing fires at home, what to do in an emergency, and how to stay safe year-round. There will also be time for questions, and helpful resources will be provided.

Pie Drive

Attention pie makers! We're collecting 100 homemade cooked, homemade uncooked but assembled, and store-bought pies for Bridgewater Seniors this year. They will be delivered just in time for Thanksgiving. If you would like to contribute, please bring a pie to the Center between **November 17th - 21st & November 24th** **Volunteers are always needed to deliver pies.**

TRIAD

Tuesday, November 18th, 1:00pm

Please join us on November 18th at 1pm for a presentation on Identity Theft and Scams by the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office. Learn about the latest tactics scammers are using to steal your identity, money or both.

Dental Program

Tuesday, December 2nd, 10:30am

Please join the Bridgewater Senior Center for Oral Health Screenings with Dr. Joseph Calabrese and Dr. Michelle Henshaw from Boston University. Limited spots available! Sign up until November 28th.



COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Conservation | Planning | Zoning | Stormwater | Health

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October Operational Update

Planning

- Attended **Old Colony JTC Meeting - October 2, 2025**
- Submitted a Complete Streets grant Application for Downtown Pedestrian Improvements at Summer @ Plymouth St
- Submitted a Green Communities grant application for Windows at Library, Building Operator Level 1 Training Certification and for One new Electric Vehicle to replace existing gas vehicle.
- Received a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon (RRFB) to be placed at entrances of Waterford Village and across Plymouth St (to be installed by Highway Dept)

CED

- Interdepartmental meeting with DPW on water capacity (Broad Street Project)
- Amendment to MBTA Communities legislation (10/7/25 TC, 10/28/25 CED Committee)

Increased water capacity discussion with City of Brockton



BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

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September 2025 Operational Update

Monthly Statistics - September 2025

Category	Count
Visitors	6,151
Total Circulation	10,297
Physical Items	6,612
Digital Items	3,685
New Library Cards	83
Active Resident Cards	7,315
Public Computer Sessions	425
PC Hours Used	251
Reference Transactions	141
Library of Things Items	180
Website Views	9,877

Narrative

Overview

September was a high-activity month across the library. Door traffic, circulation, technology use, and program attendance all remained strong as patrons leaned on core services throughout the back-to-school transition. The team tuned desk coverage and workflows to keep service points responsive during peak hours and ensure a smooth patron experience.

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Programming demand stayed brisk. Adult offerings drew strong interest, while children's and teen activities remained steady as families settled into fall schedules. Planning is underway to expand early-literacy offerings in January with twice-weekly storytimes led by our new Circulation Librarian, Taylor Silva.

Children's Programs: 12 programs with 262 attendees; active displays (Halloween, Fire Safety) supported discovery.

Digital Services: Continued steady use of Libby and Hoopla across ebooks, audiobooks, and streaming content.

Collections work focused on timely intake of new materials and holds management to meet demand. Children's and YA saw significant cataloging activity (194 children's and 174 teen books). The Library of Things continued to see interest, including video games and family-friendly lendables.

Public technology remained a daily essential—printing, scanning, and computer access were consistently in use. Reference staff fielded a wide mix of questions, with noticeable increases year over year in research support and tech assistance, alongside steady requests for Wi-Fi printing and Library of Things guidance.

Daily service points ran reliably with careful scheduling to match busy periods. Staff coordinated coverage across desks and behind-the-scenes tasks to keep materials flowing and lines moving, maintaining a warm, consistent patron experience throughout the month.

October will build on September's momentum with fall programming, seasonal displays, and continued attention to holds and turnaround times. We will keep tuning desk coverage and workflows to meet sustained demand.

Date: November 5, 2025



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Parks and Recreation Department - October Update

October was a busy and exciting month for the Parks and Recreation Department! With most of our field activities winding down for the season, our team shifted focus to some long awaited capital improvement projects.

Facility Improvements

At Legion Field, both basketball courts received a full refresh – repaired, resurfaced, and newly painted – ready for the community to enjoy.

Over at **Lower Stonedust**, we kicked off the much-anticipated dugout renovations. Our crew removed the old structures, cleaned up the area and poured brand-new cement pads. The transformation will continue into November as we bring the new dugouts to life.



Field Maintenance

As **Fall Ball** wrapped up another great season, our staff got right to work aerating, seeding and fertilizing the fields to ensure they're in top shape for a vibrant, green spring season.

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Our **Badgers Football teams** kept the energy high throughout October – practicing hard during the week and hitting the field for exciting games all month long. Their dedication and teamwork have been inspiring, and we're looking forward to an action paced November.

Big improvements and great moments are happening across our parks, and we can't wait for everyone to enjoy the results.