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TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

TOWN MANAGER'S OPERATIONAL REPORT

Welcome to April'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

In April, the following are some of the community events that I attended during this month:

- Bridgewater Business Association Appreciation Night
- Downtown Business Owner's Meeting
- Hanson Farm Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Town Cleanup Day

In April, my office continued outreach to our business groups in Town, building on a meeting with the Bridgewater Business Association in the preceding month and hosting a specific meeting for downtown businesses. These meetings were productive in that we encouraged these businesses to provide feedback on suggested downtown improvements, discussed ways the Town could better support them, and further opportunities to engage with the Town Council and the Town Manager's office.

At Town Council meetings in April, staff continued to address water quality and capacity concerns, the Collins Center submitted its organizational review report, and the FY27 budget was submitted. In April, several meetings regarding the budget were held with the Finance Committee, Council Budget Subcommittee, and the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District budget subcommittee, along with Superintendent Powers. In addition to the respective finance committees, I met with the Library Trustees regarding the FY27 budget and will continue to meet with other stakeholders as we work toward passing a balanced budget in this difficult municipal finance climate.

FY27 Budget

In February, I submitted a preliminary budget forecast that provided the Town with preliminary financial information based on the Governor's cherry sheet figures and a preliminary look at revenue and expenses. This forecast showed a sizeable deficit of more than \$2 million. A copy of the preliminary budget forecast can be found [HERE](#).

The preliminary budget forecast provided a very early look at the challenges the Town would face in passing a balanced budget with limited revenue and growing expenses. As part of this FY27 budget process, my team and I took a critical eye at our operations and attempted to be as creative as possible to ensure we met critical goals jointly established by the Town Manager and the Town Council. Those goals were to fund our schools as much as possible within the levy, submit a balanced budget that did not rely on an override for the upcoming fiscal year, limit critical service reductions as much as possible, especially in public safety, and minimize the loss of additional bandwidth within the organization. We've had to make difficult decisions, including reduced COLAs, reduced hours, and the elimination of positions due to budget constraints. Those decisions are not easy to make, but they have been made to ensure we protect the Town's financial sustainability and deliver the best services possible during this difficult climate. We are committed to serving this community, and we hope the community recognizes this and works with us as we move forward in the forthcoming fiscal year.

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I took a lot of time in drafting the Town Manager's budget message, in the hope that I could strike the right balance and inform the community of the fiscal challenge that we face. I hope that you will take the time to read it, as it highlights how especially difficult this budget is for the Town. It highlights service losses and reductions we will have to make over the next year, as well as areas where we will make incremental progress on organizational needs. I look forward to working with the Council, our team, and the community to pass a responsible FY27 budget.

You can find all of the relevant budget information, which includes the Town Manager's budget message, which is a part of the General Fund Booklet, along with other supplementary budget documents, on the [Town's Budget Dashboard](#).

Organizational Review

The Town's HR Department continued to facilitate the Town's collaboration with the Collins Center as we completed an organizational review of our departments and operations. Phil Lemnios of the UMASS Collins Center held a presentation this month to outline organizational challenges and opportunities for the Town. That presentation was made at the April 14th Town Council meeting; a video of it can be found online, and a copy of the report prepared by the Collins Center can be found [HERE](#).

Water Infrastructure Update

In early January, the Town completed its interconnection with the Town of Middleborough for additional water supply. Over time, that decision has proven correct, as that interconnection has ensured we have not had to utilize well 10B to this point. And in partnership with the Town, we have extended that interconnection agreement for an additional three months through June to give the Town time to successfully complete the ongoing work at wells 10A and 10B to build a treatment facility. The Town also submitted a grant application to MassDEP to provide up to \$2M in financial support for necessary water supply/capacity work. I am pleased to say that in late April, the Town was officially notified that we would receive that grant. This will help offset some of the costs associated with building this brand-new treatment facility for residents.

Most importantly, while the team focuses on short- and intermediate-term solutions to address water quality and capacity issues in Town. We are simultaneously identifying opportunities to implement long-term solutions, such as PFAS remediation and enhanced water supply via alternative water sources. The Town has met with the EPA to explore alternative funding sources to support necessary improvements to our water distribution and treatment system. Town officials continue to engage with our water consultants and community partners to explore opportunities to increase our water capacity.

In addition, we are advocating for additional support and financial resources from all stakeholders to finance the work associated with those solutions. Our team met with Senator Markey's staff to discuss alternative federal support via the grant or earmark process to help mitigate costs associated with water system improvements. We have submitted other earmark requests to Senator Driscoll and Representative Gallagher for additional support in bond bills being considered by the state legislature to help cover costs associated with water infrastructure improvements we hope to undertake over the next several years. In addition, we have met with administration officials to communicate the infrastructure challenges we face as a community and advocate for additional financial support. This has been a priority for me, and it will remain so until we address these issues.

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In April, I am pleased to say that the Town is making significant progress on the new treatment facility for Wells 10A and 10B. We expect that this project will be completed this summer. The Town unveiled a brand-new water dashboard on its website that provides important updates on our water infrastructure and the project. You can find that dashboard [HERE](#).

Water documents/presentations previously linked to in previous updates:

[Water Master Plan](#); [October Water Update](#); [Emergency Water Memo](#); [April 2026 Water Presentation](#)

Downtown Improvements

In April, my office, along with the CED Department, met with the Town Council Downtown Revitalization Committee to discuss opportunities to improve the downtown area. This is in addition to the almost \$500K Complete Streets grant the Town recently received to make intersection improvements at Summer and Plymouth Street. While the Town has discussed significant downtown improvements for years, unfortunately, without any direction or commitment and with a lack of financial resources, progress has been slow. I hope to work with the Council on important efforts to make the downtown area more pedestrian and roadway-friendly. Without a doubt, large-scale changes will require significant funding; however, my office has identified opportunities to improve the downtown area incrementally, and we are committed to beginning that work, hopefully in the forthcoming fiscal year. We look forward to working collaboratively with the Council and the community, so we can finally make progress in improving the downtown area over the coming year.

During April, my office submitted several grant and earmark requests focused on downtown walkability and traffic improvements. We will also be submitting grant applications for ADA Planning improvements that are necessary before submitting for ADA grants to improve our sidewalks in the area.

MMA Updates

I am pleased to report that I have been reappointed to the Massachusetts Municipal Association's Fiscal Policy Committee. The purpose of this committee is to advocate on behalf of municipalities regarding municipal finance issues before the state legislature and the administration.

I am also a member of the Massachusetts Municipal Management Association, and serve on the following committees:

Future Managers: The purpose of this committee is to oversee efforts to foster the next generation of local government managers.

Nancy Galkowski Leadership Fund/Scholarship Committee: The mission of the Nancy Galkowski Legacy Fund is to assist with defraying the costs of professional development, training, and mentoring opportunities for current and future local government administrators.

Professional development and a commitment to this profession is incredibly important to me, and is part of my requirements as an ICMA Credentialed Manager.

TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

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>

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

The committee we will highlight this month is the Finance Committee, which has two vacancies. The Bridgewater Financial Committee is an advisory body that provides financial guidance and recommendations to the Town Manager and Town Council on the annual operating budget for all Town agencies, long-range financial planning, and advises on the development of the Town's annual capital improvement plan.



HUMAN RESOURCES

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April has been a productive and engaging month for the Human Resources Department, marked by continued efforts to connect with, support, and celebrate our workforce. From Open Enrollment and the Benefits Fair to ongoing employee engagement initiatives, volunteer program growth, and professional development opportunities, our team has remained focused on enhancing the overall employee experience.

Both behind the scenes and out in the community, we remain committed to fostering a workplace where employees feel informed, supported, and valued, empowering them to continue providing exceptional service to the Bridgewater community.

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

Welcoming New Team Members:

Alyssa M. – Clinician



We are pleased to welcome a new Clinician to the Bridgewater Police Department's Regional Jail Diversion and crisis response team. In this role, Alyssa will work alongside local law enforcement to provide on-scene mental health evaluations, crisis intervention, and short-term stabilization for individuals experiencing behavioral health emergencies.

This position plays an important role in connecting individuals to appropriate care, supporting diversion from unnecessary hospitalization or arrest when appropriate, and strengthening collaboration with community providers. She will also assist with follow-up services, officer training, and ongoing program development to further enhance crisis response efforts across our partner communities.

We are excited to welcome her to the team and look forward to the expertise and support she will bring to our community.

S.A.V.E. and Veteran Volunteer Program

Community connections are growing through our S.A.V.E. and Veteran Volunteer Program, now with 53 volunteers contributing their time and talents. This initiative provides valuable opportunities to stay involved while making a positive impact. We're thankful for each volunteer and excited to see the program continue to flourish!



HUMAN RESOURCES

Professional Development:

Continuous learning drives our work. In April, our HR team attended a seminar to strengthen our expertise and bring new insights back to our organization:

- The Top 10 Wishlist of the Internal Customer



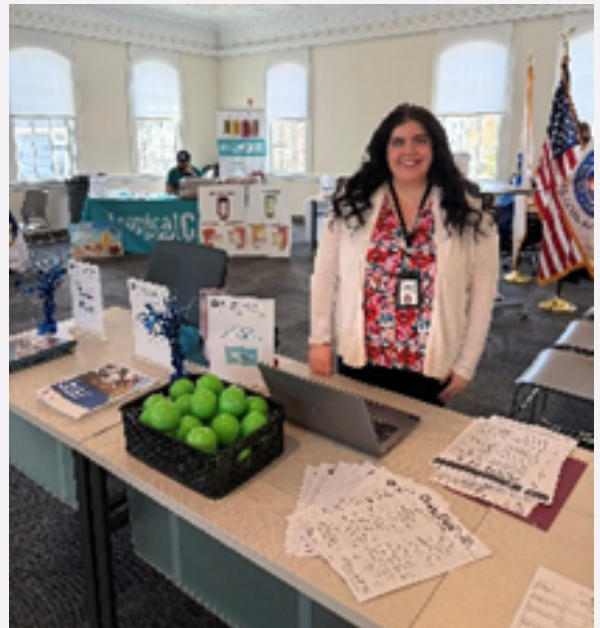
Employee Engagement:

Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment is officially underway at the Town of Bridgewater, marking one of the busiest and most important times of year for our HR team.

We kicked things off with a successful Benefits Fair, where employees had the opportunity to connect directly with our benefit vendors, gather valuable information, and even enjoy a few fun raffle prizes along the way.

We extend our sincere thanks to our vendors and partners for their support in making the event such a great experience!



HUMAN RESOURCES

MMHG Wellness Committee Meeting:



We attended the MMHG Wellness Committee meeting that was held on April 2, 2026, which brought together representatives from across member organizations. The session featured a dynamic workshop, “Kindness is Good for Your Health,” led by Pam Garamone, M.Ed., which highlighted simple, practical ways to boost positivity and well-being, both personally and in the workplace. From sharing appreciation with colleagues to connecting with loved ones, the exercise reinforced how small acts of kindness can create a meaningful impact.

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We are excited to continue offering meaningful employee engagement programming made possible through available grant opportunities. These resources allow us to expand initiatives that support connection, well-being, and a positive workplace experience for our employees.

Employee Performance Evaluations Initiative:



We are pleased to share that we are implementing employee evaluations as part of our ongoing commitment to professional growth and organizational development. This process provides a structured opportunity for employees and supervisors to engage in meaningful conversations about performance, goals, and career development.

Employee evaluations help clarify expectations, recognize accomplishments, and identify areas for continued growth and support.

They also strengthen communication across teams and ensure alignment with departmental and organizational priorities. By fostering regular feedback and dialogue, this initiative supports a more engaged, informed, and motivated workforce while contributing to the overall success of the organization.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Celebrations and Appreciation:



Another trip around the sun worth celebrating! Wishing a very happy birthday to all of our team members celebrating this month. We hope it's a great one! Julie L., Brian M., Ryan C., Ashley P., Conor C., Adam M., Shane O., Kevin G., James B., Apryl E., Paul M., David H., Jacob P., John B., Nicholas C., and Gino S.

Join us in recognizing team members marking service milestones this month. Your continued dedication helps move the Town of Bridgewater forward, and we're grateful for the impact you make year after year! Jacob P., Adam M., Joseph S., Daniel G., George R., Nicole S., Ryan S., Jeffrey G., John C., Maddy J., Theodore S., Thomas L., Paul M., Shane O., John H., John H., Scott H., Daniel W., Sean P., Benjamin G., Brandon J., Conor C., Greg M., Ryan M., Matthew M., and Courtney R.



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.



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Finance Departments Update – Laurie Guerrini/Finance Director

Accounting Operational Update

As we move through the spring season, April has been a productive and forward-focused month for the Finance Department. Behind the scenes, our team has been hard at work ensuring the Town remains on strong financial footing while continuing to support daily operations.

One of the most significant milestones this month was the completion of the Fiscal Year 2027 Town Manager's budget. After extensive collaboration and detailed analysis, the Accounting team finalized the budget documents, working closely with the Town Manager and Divisional Department leaders. This budget has been tough with the restricted revenue sources and the significant reductions made. The Town Manager submitted its FY2027 Budget to the Town Council on April 17, 2026. The Council and Finance Committees now begins its 45-day review process, carefully evaluating the proposal to ensure it reflects a balanced and responsible financial plan for the year ahead.

In addition to budget work, our team has been investing in professional development to stay ahead of evolving financial practices and regulations. Staff participated in a training focused on the upcoming Free Cash submission process, as well as a webinar hosted by the DESE Office of Regional Governance and the DOR Division of Local Services on 1/12th budgets. These opportunities help ensure we are well-prepared for various financial scenarios and continue to apply best practices in municipal finance.

April also marked the completion of our third quarterly financial reporting, providing a clear snapshot of the Town's financial position as we approach the final stretch of the fiscal year. Alongside this, we have been actively analyzing the LAZ Parking system in collaboration with the Town Manager to ensure the Town is maximizing efficiency and effectiveness in its parking operations. Of course, much of our work continues through the steady rhythm of daily operations. From processing weekly accounts payable and posting cash to the general ledger, to reconciling multiple accounts and supporting ongoing projects, these essential tasks keep the Town's financial systems running smoothly.

Looking ahead, the team is focused on preparing end-of-year financial projections, helping to guide decision-making as we close out the fiscal year and plan for the future.

We appreciate the continued support of our colleagues and residents as we work to maintain transparency, accountability, and strong financial stewardship for our community.

**FY2026 Financial Reporting for March 2026 Quarter 3 can be found on the town website:
FY2026 Financial Reporting – March 2026 Quarter 3:
March 2026 - FY26**

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Assessing Operational Update

All real estate exemption applications received by April 1, 2026, have now been processed by the assessor's department. The chart below shows the number of exemptions granted, tax dollars abated and the max state reimbursement, approved by Division of Local Services.

Clause	Type	Number of Exemptions Granted	Tax Dollars Abated on Exemptions	Max State Reimbursement
17	Surviving Spouses, minors or persons 70 years or over	0	0.00	0.00
17C	Surviving Spouses, minors or persons 70 years or over	0	0.00	0.00
17C 1/2	Surviving Spouses, minors or persons 70 years or over	0	0.00	0.00
17D	Surviving Spouses, minors or persons 70 years or over	58	10,150.00	875.00
18	Hardship	0	0.00	0.00
18A	Deferred taxes	0	0.00	0.00
22(a-f)	Veterans	101	40,400.00	22,725.00
Para	Paraplegics & surviving spouses of paraplegics (G.L. 59 §5 d.22F)	0	0.00	0.00
22A	Veterans & surviving spouses	0	0.00	0.00
22B	Veterans & surviving spouses	0	0.00	0.00
22C	Veterans & surviving spouses	1	1,500.00	1,325.00
22D	Surviving spouse	11	76,415.76	76,415.76
22E	Veterans & surviving spouses	70	70,000.00	57,750.00
37	Blind	0	0.00	0.00
37A	Blind	5	2,500.00	437.50
11	Certain elderly persons 70 years of age or over	0	0.00	0.00
11B	Certain elderly persons 70 years of age or over	0	0.00	0.00
11C	Certain elderly persons 70 years of age or over	3	1,500.00	1,506.00
11C 1/2	Certain elderly persons 70 years of age or over	0	0.00	0.00
11A	Deferred taxes -- persons 65 years or over	4	22,389.74	0.00
12	Surv. spouses of police officers/firefighters killed in the line of duty	0	0.00	0.00
13	Surv. minors of police officers/firefighters killed in the line of duty	0	0.00	0.00
50	Elderly housing (G.L. 59 §5)	0	0.00	0.00
52	Elderly persons water/sewer debt shift (G.L. 59 §5)	0	0.00	0.00
53	Septic system/cesspool (G.L. 59 §5)	0	0.00	0.00
56	Guardsmen and Reservists Deployed	0	0.00	0.00
57	Optional Senior Exemption	0	0.00	0.00
Total		253	224,855.50	161,034.26
<i>Chapter 73, §4, Acts of 1986, percentage adopted</i>			0.00	

All motor vehicle exemption applications received by April 30, 2026, have now been processed by the assessor's department. The chart below shows the number of exemptions granted, tax dollars abated and the state reimbursement, approved by Division of Local Services.

Jurisdiction	Bridgewater - 042	Fiscal Year	2026	Go
Total Number of Exemptions	73			
Posted After April 30th of Prior Year	11.00			
Total Exemption Amount	22,636.74			

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Treasurer/Revenue Collecting Operational Update

The Town offers in-person payment at the Collector office and online option for payment
<https://www.bridgewaterma.org/310/Online-Payment-Center>

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

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Treasurer/Revenue Collecting

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Fire Department – Objectives and Updates

April 24, 2026

April has been an exceptionally busy month for the Bridgewater Fire Department. Between April 7 and April 14, crews responded to three structure fires in an eight-day span, placing significant demands on personnel and resources. Notably, East Bridgewater Fire, Easton Fire, Middleborough Fire, and West Bridgewater Fire responded to all three incidents, providing consistent and critical mutual aid support. Earlier in the month, on April 6, the department managed a surge of activity, handling seven calls within a 49-minute period.

We remain grateful for the continued support of our mutual aid partners, including Brockton Fire, Easton Fire, East Bridgewater Fire, Halifax Fire, Hanson Fire, Lakeville Fire, Middleborough Fire, Raynham Fire, Taunton Fire, West Bridgewater Fire and DFS Special Operations Rehab Unit, whose assistance was instrumental in ensuring effective emergency response during these incidents.

Open Burning Season – Open burning season runs from January 15th through May 1st each year. The hours for burning are 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please contact 508-697-0900, press 2 to listen to the open burning regulations and then press 1 to hear if burning is allowed for that day. For more information, visit our website: <https://bridgewaterfire.org/open-burning/>.

Grant Award – FY26 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant - We received notification from Governor Maura Healey & Fire Marshal John Davine that we were awarded the FY26 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant. We were awarded \$10,221.80 which will be utilized to purchase: a gas meter, scene lighting, hand tools, chain saw, rescue ropes and a handheld thermal imager. We are extremely grateful to receive these grant funds!

Firefighter Wellness Exams (4/13-4/16/26)

We held our annual Firefighter Wellness Exams April 13 through April 16th. Our Firefighters were able to have ultrasound screenings that included: echocardiogram, carotid doppler, aortic aneurysm, thyroid, abdomen, bladder and pelvic. They also were able to have a comprehensive blood panel completed. The wellness exams were provided by UDS and were performed at our new Fire Station. The Firefighter wellness exams were made possible through grant funds that we were awarded in the 2024 AFG Grant. We are so grateful for these grant funds to provide proactive care and early detection for our Firefighters!



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Training:

- Overhaul and Wall Breaching:** The Bridgewater Fire Department was graciously offered the use of two homes on Broad Street that are slated for demolition. Firefighters utilized the department's cache of hand tools to practice a variety of overhaul techniques. "Overhaul" is the phase of a fire operation during which the department has extinguished all visible fire and is systematically checking behind walls and ceilings to ensure there are no hidden pockets of fire or hot spots that could lead to a re-kindle. The two structures were built and renovated during different eras, which made an excellent comparison of construction techniques. The older home featured plaster and lath wall construction, while the more recently renovated home used standard drywall. Each type presents its own unique challenges for firefighters, and the hands-on exposure to both proved especially valuable for newer members. Firefighters also had the opportunity to practice emergency egress procedures, including breaching through walls in the event that their primary means of exit becomes blocked by fire or debris.
- After-Action Reviews – Structure Fires:** April was a very active month for the Bridgewater Fire Department, with crews responding to multiple structure fires across all shifts. Given the volume and nature of these incidents, each group utilized their monthly training time to conduct an internal after-action review of the fires they responded to. After-action reviews give crews the opportunity to walk through an incident from dispatch to overhaul – identifying what went well, where improvements can be made, and reinforcing the tactics and decisions that led to successful outcomes. This type of reflective practice is a cornerstone of professional development in the fire service, and the real-world incidents from this month provided an exceptionally rich foundation for those discussions.

Community Engagement/Events:



- B-R Vietnam War Memorial Unveiling & Rededication (3/29/26)** - Members of the Bridgewater Fire Department attended the B-R Vietnam War Memorial Unveiling and Rededication Ceremony. The Bridgewater Firefighters Association Honor Guard proudly participated by posting the colors in honor of those who served. We are truly honored to have been part of this meaningful event and extend our sincere thanks to Veterans' Service Officer Gregory Martin for the invitation.
- BSU MEGA Job & Internship Fair (4/2/26)** - Firefighter/Paramedics Mike Farias & Mike Murano participated in BSU's MEGA Job & Internship Fair. We were able to interact with many college students & provide them with information on how to become a Firefighter. Thank you to the Career Services & Internships Office at BSU for including us!

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- **Fire Chiefs Association Legislative Breakfast (4/3/26)** - Chief Schlatz attended the Legislative Breakfast that was hosted by the Fire Chiefs Association of Plymouth County. It was a great opportunity for local fire chiefs to meet with our state leaders. They were able to discuss fire safety priorities, funding and legislative initiatives impacting fire departments across the state of Massachusetts.
- **Fire Truck Ride to School (4/7/26)** – We had a fire truck ride to school with Andrew on Tuesday, 4/7/26. He was the lucky winner of the raffle prize at a robotics team event. We hope he enjoyed it!
- **BRRHS College & Career Fair (4/9/26)** – FF Jason Akstin & FF Ryan Young participated in the College & Career Fair held at Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School. We were able to provide Junior students with information on how to become a Firefighter. Thank you to B-R Guidance for inviting us to participate!
- **Mass Maritime Career Fair (4/9/26)** – Lt Thomas Luckman III, FF Ryan Forant & FF Cori Handorff participated in the Career Fair held at Mass Maritime. We were able to provide college students with information on how to become a Firefighter. Thank you to Mass Maritime for including us!
- **Town-Wide Clean Up (4/18/26)** – The Bridgewater Fire Department was proud to take part in the town-wide clean up. Thank you to FF Chris Caswell, FF Mike Farias, FF Brian Lundstedt & FF Ryan Malone for representing the department and helping keep our community looking its best.



Upcoming Events:

- 4th Annual First Responders Day 2026, 80 Spring St (4/25/26)
- Girl Scout Troup Station Tour (4/29/26)
- Williams Intermediate School Special Education Class Station Tour (5/5/26)
- Bridgewater Police & Fire Charity Classic at BIA (5/9/26)
- EMS Week (5/17-5/23/26)
- Homeschool Group Station Tour (5/22/26)

Calls for January – March 2026:

	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	YTD Totals
Fire	12	5	6	23
EMS	308	313	268	889
False Alarm	11	5	16	32
Other	131	111	126	368
Totals:	462	434	416	1312



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Health Department Operational Report: 4/1 - 4/24/2026

Septic:

- Percolation test- 533 Walnut Street
- Bottom hole/final inspection- 170 Boxwood
- Percolation test- 167 Oak Street (full day)
- Percolation test- Pinnacle Point (full day)
- Final review- 80 Laurie Lane
- Plan review- 101 Atkinson Drive
- Bottom hole/final- 740 Vernon Street
- Plan review- 579 Walnut Street
- Plan review- 857 South Street
- Bottom hole/final- 261 Cross Street
- Bottom hole/final- 60 Oldfield (field expansion)

Well Reviews:

- 815 Bedford Street
- 25 Stonybrook
- 795 Bedford Street
- 680 Bedford Street

Food Inspections:

- Two Sweet Creations (Residential)
- Dunkin (755 Bedford St)
- Dunkin (171 Broad St)
- Dunkin (955 Pleasant St)
- KFC/Taco Bell
- Bridgewater Youth Softball
- Burlington
- BSU Food Pantry
- Five Below
- Lil Man Well Seasoned (Mobile)
- Hisshe Sushi Roche Bros
- Burger King (115 Broad St)
- Bridgewater House of Pizza
- MaryLou's News
- McDonald's
- Restoration Coffee
- Honey Dew Donuts
- Riviera Cafe



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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The Building Department
Monthly Statistics
March 27, 2026 through April 30, 2026

From March 27, 2026, through April 30, 2026, the Building Department saw a total of \$85,311.01 in revenue associated with the following:

Building Permits reviewed and issued – 143
Building Inspections performed – 124

Electrical Permits reviewed and issued – 75
Electrical Inspections performed – 221

Gas Permits reviewed and issued – 34
Gas Inspections performed – 39

Plumbing Permits reviewed and issued – 43
Plumbing Inspections performed – 78

	Permits	Inspections	Fees
Building	143	74	\$54,466.01
Electrical	75	162	13,330.00
Gas	34	19	3,070.00
Plumbing	43	58	14,445.00



PARKS & RECREATION

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Parks and Recreation Department – April 2026

April was all about catching up with our field work in preparation for the spring season.

Field Maintenance

We continued installing the safety covers for the fences at Legion field and also at the Men's Softball field. Thanks to the Bridgewater Little League and the Bridgewater Men's Softball team for assisting us in this endeavor.

We also replaced the infield mix on Hayes field and the Men's Softball fields. We had started to work on Hayes earlier this year but were unable to complete it earlier due to the excessive snow and rain the past few months.



PARKS & RECREATION

Parks

Trailhead signs have been installed on the Old State Farm Trail. Kiosk panels are finished and will be installed by the Lions Club and Boy Scouts. Planning continues for boardwalks and stream crossings in Phase IV. Residents have been observed enjoying the tranquil vista in the Summer Street parking lot. It is a perfect place to have lunch, read a book or just relax for a few minutes.

Buildings

The windows and doors were replaced at the Hayes building. Once we finish painting the foundation, the work at the Hayes building will be complete.

Locks were installed on the restroom doors at the Snack Shack.

Miscellaneous

The spring leagues have submitted their field reservation applications. As always we will have multiple baseball games at Legion field on both weeknights and weekends. Girls Softball league also has a busy schedule at the softball fields.

Safety mats were placed at Marathon Park underneath the swings and at the bottom of the slides.

We look forward to all the activity at our fields and parks this spring season.



ELDER AFFAIRS

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Bridgewater Council on Aging Monthly Operational Report – April

April was a truly wonderful and engaging month at the center, filled with meaningful programs and strong community participation. We were especially proud to host a Volunteer Appreciation celebration honoring approximately 75 dedicated seniors who generously gave their time and energy to support our community. Whether delivering Meals on Wheels, setting up events, assisting in the kitchen, or helping around the building, their contributions made a lasting impact every day. It was a heartfelt and well-attended event that highlighted just how valued our volunteers are.

We also hosted “Are You Prepared for an Emergency?” presented by Daniel Yost, a Bridgewater State University intern. This informative session guided participants through essential steps of emergency preparedness, from planning ahead to safely navigating unexpected situations. Attendees left with practical tools and knowledge to help them remain calm, prepared, and comfortable in the event of an emergency.

Following that, BSU master’s-level intern Madison proudly presented “Live Your Life Well,” a two-hour interactive workshop. This dynamic event featured expert speakers covering important topics such as mental health and digital literacy. Participants rotated between tables, creating a more personalized and engaging learning experience. The event was well received and provided valuable information in an interactive format.



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PRESENTS

Emergency Preparedness Workshop: Be Ready!

Learn essential safety tips from
BSU Public Health Intern Daniel

- Preparing before emergencies
- Creating a home plan
- Food and water readiness
- Emergency contacts and phone
- Medication supply planning
- Power outage preparation
- Mobility and medical needs
- Food safety during outages
- Staying safe during emergency
- Recovery after emergencies

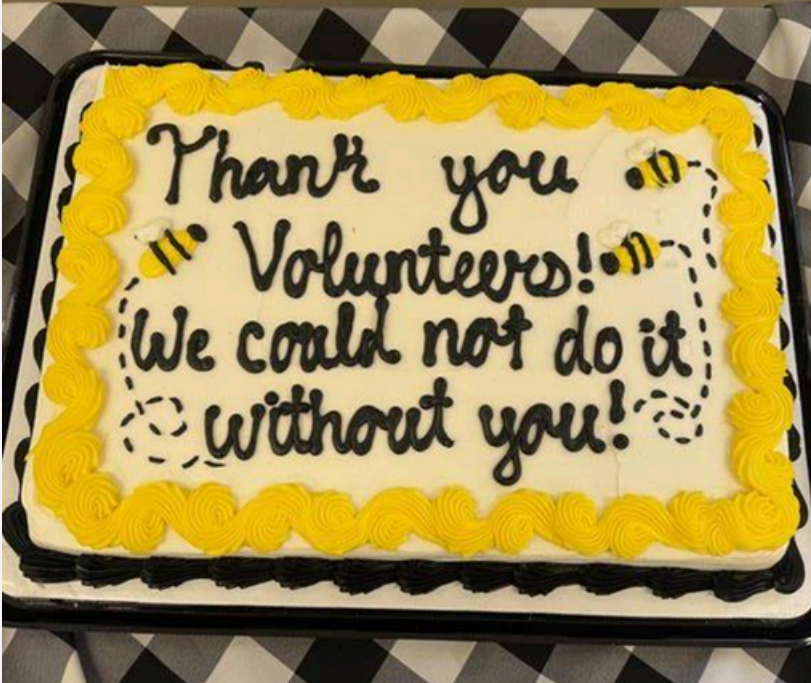
April 13th, 2026 - 11:30 AM

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Bridgewater, MA, 02324

Reserve your spot in the office!

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Operational Report for May



May is a month of transition and continued engagement at the Bridgewater Senior Center, as we carry forward our commitment to providing meaningful programs, services, and opportunities for our senior community.

We would like to recognize and share that this month will mark Ann Holmberg's final time with us at the Center after an incredible six years of dedicated service. Ann has been a vital part of our team, contributing greatly to the success of our programs and the overall well-being of the seniors we serve. Her compassion, professionalism, and commitment have left a lasting impact on both staff and participants. As she prepares to begin her next chapter in South Carolina, we extend our sincere gratitude and wish her all the very best in this exciting new journey.

This month, we will host our Mother's Day Breakfast on Tuesday, May 5th at 9:00 AM. This special event will bring together community members to celebrate and honor the many mothers in our community. Attendees will enjoy a lovely breakfast, raffles, and live entertainment by Bill Reidy. Reservations are required, and the cost is \$5 per person at the door.

In observance of Memorial Day, we will host a special celebration on Wednesday, May 20th at 11:30 AM. Participants will gather to honor and remember those who have served, while enjoying entertainment by Brian Fiorentino. The cost of the event is \$5 per person, and sign-ups are required by May 15th, with priority given to Bridgewater residents. Additionally, we will open registration on May 11th for an upcoming educational program, "Abigail Takes You from Revolution to Declaration!" scheduled for June 2nd at 2:00 PM. This engaging program will explore the American Revolution and the creation of the Declaration of Independence, offering participants a deeper understanding of the bravery and determination that shaped our nation.