

MAY - JULY 2026



TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

TOWN MANAGER'S OPERATIONAL REPORT

Welcome to the Town Manager's Operational Report for May, June and July, 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

The following was included in the Senior Center newsletter for the month of July.

I want you to hear directly from me. First, I want you to hear how much I value you, our Senior Center team, the staff throughout our organization, the many volunteers, and the dedicated people who give so much to this wonderful center and our community.

Like many communities, our town is facing rising costs for essential services. At the same time, revenues have not kept pace with these rising expenses. As a result, we had to make difficult fiscal decisions for the upcoming fiscal year. Even with careful planning and cost-saving measures, the proposed budget for next year includes reductions in services and programs, and ultimately in staff hours for a majority of our non-public safety employees.

I recognize that these changes affect many residents, including our older population who depend on Town resources and community programs. Every effort has been made to minimize the impact on essential services. Courtney and her team have worked diligently and collaboratively to ensure we can keep the Senior Center open 5 days a week. I appreciate their leadership and commitment to those who rely on this center.

Service reductions are never easy; yet we remain committed to delivering the best service we can provide within the financial constraints we operate under. That is my commitment to you, and I know that is the commitment of the exceptional men and women who work within our organization. I ask for your patience and grace with our staff, who will be working on compressed schedules while facing the same level of demand next year.

While we face a challenging fiscal year, I remain optimistic about our future. I am very soon approaching my one-year anniversary as Town Manager, and I have learned a lot about this community during my time. It's a community that has demonstrated resilience, where a vast majority have compassion and a willingness to work together. That was demonstrated when we dealt with a historic snowstorm, and when I saw first-hand people working together both within the organization and in our community to take care of one another. That is demonstrated by the volunteers who give so much of their time to invest in our community and make wonderful things happen, such as our 4th of July parade.

Bridgewater is a special place, and I believe together we will address the many challenges we face.

Thank you for your understanding, your involvement, your advocacy, and your continued support of our community. Together, we will navigate these challenges and continue building a strong future for our Town.

Sincerely,

Justin Casanova-Davis
Bridgewater Town Manager

TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

FY27 Budget

As a reminder, as part of the FY27 budget that was passed by the Council, most non-public safety-facing positions had their hours reduced, and also hours for various buildings were reduced. For example, the Senior Center has a revised schedule, the library will have reduced hours through the summer until September, and Town Hall will be closed on Fridays moving forward. As part of my budget message, I included a list of significant reductions that outlines budgetary changes; I have attached that to this operational update. However, I am also now attaching a sheet that outlines hours reductions for positions, so that councilors and the community can have this information as of July 31, 2026.

Note that we will try to restore hours for staff when possible, based on personnel transitions, retirements, or any other personnel decisions on an as-necessary basis. An example of that would be our Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer. While that position did have its hours reduced as part of the FY27 budget, due to transitions within the CED Department, that position is providing support to the Planning Board/CED Department and has had its hours restored. In addition, a transfer order was submitted before the Council to reallocate funds based on a personnel transfer in order to restore hours and support the Assessing Office. It is likely we will have several of these transfers or position adjustments throughout the year to address organizational operations and challenges.

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](#). In relation to organizational staffing and financial challenges, the Collins Center 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](#).

Personnel Updates

As mentioned above, due to the departure of the Town Planner, along with the transition of the CED Director, the Town is utilizing interim assistance to help support the operations of the CED Department.

As we head into the fall and the month of August, the Town will proceed with hiring and advertising of the budgeted positions that were part of the FY27 Budget, which includes the Budget and Procurement Analyst position, for example. In the forthcoming weeks, you will see us post positions for which retirements are planned or expected staff transitions. We will be posting two department head-level positions in the forthcoming weeks to fill the vacancy in the CED Director role and the planned retirement of the DPW Director. Finally, due to a planned retirement in the Water Department, we will be posting that position as well as an Assistant Water Superintendent position to gauge the job market and see what candidates apply for those respective positions. As has been discussed, the job market to hire is extremely difficult for municipalities, but it is even more challenging in the Water Department because of our organizational structure, pay, and the demand for licenses for a variety of reasons. We want to ensure we hire the best, most qualified personnel within our financial capabilities, and we will post two positions to see what opportunities there are to promptly backfill this role. Ultimately, the Town will look to fund a compensation study this fiscal year, so we can ensure we are competitive in the job market and appropriately classify positions within our organization.

TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

Water Update

The Town continues to make significant progress on the construction of a new treatment facility at the Plymouth Street well site. The site is expected to be fully operational (PFAS, Iron & Manganese treatment) in September. The Town provides weekly updates and now shares them with the council directly before public posting. Those weekly informational updates include progress reports and images of the work that is being done.

The team is quickly transitioning to ensure that once operational, an enclosure is in place to protect the infrastructure and allow for the site to be operational year-round. We will provide an update regarding that work at the August Town Council meeting. However, APEX has already begun developing and soliciting proposed solutions, and the Town intends to pursue this work under emergency procurement, if and once approved by the state.

Some other key considerations that the Town will have to make during this time include:

1. The unbudgeted costs of water purchases from the Town of Middleborough.

- a. The Town is investigating state resources available to assist with the emergency nature of these expenses and advocating for state assistance where it is possible to help offset some of these costs.
- b. We will ultimately need to discuss how we will pay for these expenses once we know all the options that are available to us, and that discussion will be discussed with the council.

2. Alternative Sources of Water

- a. Vernon Street Well Site Development - Initial water quality sample results have returned; our engineering partner, Apex, has initiated the process to prepare for pilot testing and the design-build bid selection process.
- b. Desalination Plant in Dighton – The Town received a proposed IMA regarding water procurement from the City of Brockton. My office will review and handle any deliberations regarding that IMA. Ultimately, any IMA or opportunity to procure water from the desalination plant will be discussed with the council for any final decision.
- c. Long-term IMA w/ the Town of Middleborough – My office will speak with the town and investigate any opportunity for the Town to continue a long-term agreement regarding the procurement of water.
- d. Alternative Land Acquisition – The Town will continue to explore any opportunities regarding land acquisition related to water, and the council is apprised of any discussions that have occurred at this point.

3. Additional Water Infrastructure Improvements

- a. The Town is currently working on two reports that will highlight (a) overall water operations for the Town, and (b) Carvers Pond infrastructure improvements. Once those reports are completed, they will be shared with the Council, as they will help guide some of the future infrastructure improvements the Town undertakes.

Water documents/presentations previously linked to in previous updates:

[Water Master Plan](#); [October Water Update](#); [Emergency Water Memo](#); [Water Dashboard](#)

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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.

To date, the Town has received or been earmarked the following funds regarding downtown improvements:

\$100,000 related to design/engineering regarding Summer Street Complete Streets improvements (BSU)

\$25,000 related to roadway and public safety improvements (FY27 Budget Adopted)

In addition, the Town has advocated for additional resources regarding parking in the downtown area, and an amendment was submitted that includes \$3,250,000 for the design, engineering, and construction of a municipal parking garage deck on the Town of Bridgewater's municipal parking lot. This is a part of the Senate version of the economic bond bill. The House version of the bill includes \$100,000 for downtown roadway and pedestrian improvements.

Finally, the Town is exploring opportunities with BSU to repave the current municipal parking lot.

Opioid Funding

To date, the Town has received a little more than \$82,000 in PFAS settlement funds. This fiscal year, my office intends to work with the council and the community to allocate these funds through a community process. Ultimately, I believe some sort of committee should be created in order to best determine how to allocate these funds, and we will have more information regarding that in the forthcoming weeks.

Resident Satisfaction Survey

The council has received a final version of the resident survey that was requested by the council and completed in November. Feedback received from councilors as of this date has been incorporated. The electronic version will be posted on the Town website, Facebook, and available at Town Hall via QR code. In addition, paper versions will be available at the Senior Center, Library, and Town Clerk's office in August, and the survey will be open for three weeks.

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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/BoardCommitteeCommission-Application-57>.

The committee we will highlight this month is the Community Preservation Committee, which has a recently established "at-large" vacancy. The Community Preservation Committee makes recommendations to the Town Council for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; for the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use; for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; and for the rehabilitation or restoration of open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is reacquired or created as provided in MGL c.44B.

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Significant FY2027 Town Budget Adjustments



Description	Department	Financial Impact
Salary/Wages/Expense Reductions		
Reduction of current employee hours		\$ 561,828
Reduction of OT	Fire	\$ 75,229
Contracted Tree Work	DPW/Highway	\$ 55,000
Recreation Salaries charged to Rec Revolving	Recreation	\$ 27,594
		\$ 157,823
Positions not Filled		
ADMIN ASST	Assessing	\$ 37,405
ASST TOWN PLANNER	CED	\$ 80,470
IT COMPUTER SYSTEM TECH	IT	\$ 71,839
CAPTAIN	Police	\$ 91,640
POLICE CADET (2)	Police	\$ 87,696
LT EQUIP OPERATOR	DPW/Highway	\$ 48,817
HVY EQUIP OPERATOR	DPW/Highway	\$ 65,931
EXECUTIVE ASSIST HWY	DPW/Highway	\$ 87,477
PT STAFF (2)	Library	\$ 27,786
ARCHIVIST	Library	\$ 32,088
TOTAL		\$ 631,149
Position(s) Added		
FIREFIGHTER	Fire	\$ 37,099

TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

Hour Reduction as of July 31, 2026

DEPT DESCRIPTION	EMPLOYEE / REFERENCE NUMBER	POSITION/PURPOSE	into column V Notes >>>
ACCOUNTANT	586	BUSINESS UNIT ANALYST	cut 5 hours
ACCOUNTANT	654	PAYROLL & BENEFITS SPEC	cut 5 hours
ACCOUNTANT	324	ASST TOWN ACCOUNTANT	cut 5 hours
ACCOUNTANT	523	COMPTROLLER	cut 5 hours
ASSESSORS	141	ASST ASSESSOR	cut 5 hours
ASSESSORS	108	CHIEF ASSESSOR	cut 5 hours
CED	590	TOWN PLANNER	cut 5 hours
CED	590	CED DIRECTOR	cut 5 hours
COUNCIL ON AGING	56	OUTREACH WORKER	cut 5 hours
COUNCIL ON AGING	173	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	cut 5 hours
COUNCIL ON AGING	717	COA DIRECTOR	cut 5 hours
FIRE	676	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	cut 5 hours
FIRE	458	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT	cut 5 hours
HEALTH DEPT	719	ADMINISTRATIVE ASST	cut 5 hours
HEALTH DEPT	167	HEALTH AGENT	cut 5 hours
HUMAN RESOURCES	712	HR GENERALIST	cut 5 hours
HUMAN RESOURCES	631	HR DIRECTOR	cut 5 hours
HWY DEPARTMENT	572	CONF EXECUTIVE ASSIST-DPW(33%GF)	cut 5 hours
INSPECTIONAL SVCS	122	OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	cut 5 hours
INSPECTIONAL SVCS	381	PLUMBING INSPECTOR	cut 5 hours
INSPECTIONAL SVCS	200	WIRING INSPECTOR	cut 5 hours
IT	690	IT COMPUTER SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR	cut 5 hours
LIBRARY	730	ASSIST LIBRARIAN	cut 2 hours
LIBRARY	595	ASSIST LIBRARIAN	cut 2 hours
LIBRARY	679	OFFICE MANAGER	cut 2 hours
LIBRARY	506	LIBRARIAN	cut 2 hours
LIBRARY	189	LIBRARIAN	cut 2 hours
LIBRARY	662	ASSIST LIBRARY DIRECTOR	cut 2 hours
LIBRARY	484	LIBRARY DIRECTOR	cut 5 hours
POLICE	596	ADM. ASSISTANT	cut 5 hours
POLICE	597	OFFICE ADM.	cut 5 hours
POLICE	443	EXEC. ASSISTANT	cut 5 hours
RECREATION	638	GROUNDKEEPER	cut 5 hours
RECREATION	81	RECREATION DIRECTOR	cut 5 hours
SEWER	450	OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR	cut 5 hours
TOWN BUILDINGS	513	FACILITIES & ASSETS MANAGER	cut 5 hours
TOWN CLERK	143	ADMIN ASST	cut 5 hours
TOWN CLERK	670	TOWN CLERK	cut 5 hours

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Hour Reduction as of July 31, 2026

TOWN CLERK	72	ASST TOWN CLERK	cut 5 hours
TOWN COUNCIL	579	TOWN COUNCIL CLERK	cut 5 hours
TOWN ENGINEER	613	JUNIOR ENGINEER	cut 5 hours
TOWN MANAGER	296	EXECUTIVE ASST/BC	cut 5 hours
TOWN MANAGER	729	EXECUTIVE ASST/TM	cut 5 hours
TREASURER	725	FINANCE ASSISTANT -CASHIER	cut 5 hours
TREASURER	675	FINANCE SPECIALIST-COLLECTIONS	cut 5 hours
TREASURER	611	FINANCE SPECIALIST - TREASURY	cut 5 hours
TREASURER	421	ASST TWN TREAS/COLLECTOR	cut 5 hours
TREASURER	367	TREASURER COLLECTOR	cut 5 hours
VETERANS AGENT	663	VETERAN'S AGENT	cut 5 hours
WATER	440	ADMIN ASSISTANT	cut 5 hours



PUBLIC WORKS

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Department of Public Works Operational Report Summary and Highlights for May 2026

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.**

As with the prior month of April, during the **month of May**, the DPW staff focused on numerous roads and public lands cleanup and maintenance work, following the harsh winter storms, primarily on repairing of potholes and sinkholes; removal of fallen trees and tree branches that pose public hazard; repairing damaged mailboxes, curbs, lawns, and signs; equipment maintenance and repairs by the fleet maintenance group, **most of which has been completed.**

The **Highway Division was proactive with engaging in road safety management and traffic control devices for the Memorial Day weekend** observance and parade. The DPW's Water Division continued with the effort to stabilize the town's water supply and treatment – the inter-municipal agreement for temporary water supply by the Town of Middleborough has been extended to July; procurement of a contractor for the installation of treatment vessels for wells 10A and 10B was started and advanced during the month of March.

To date, the concrete pads for the iron and manganese and pfas treatment/filtration units have been installed, the iron and manganese treat vessels have been installed, along with other ancillary site infrastructure installation work at wells 10A and 10B site. Several damaged hydrants from accidents and plowing during the blizzard were replaced. Water line break on Main Street was repaired. Continued with the sewer plant upgrade work; repaired a sewer force main break on Elm Street; continued work on the SCADA integration for the wastewater treatment plant; continued to address facilities maintenance work; continued with efforts to secure vendors and contractors for planned spring and summer projects.

The Engineering Division continued with their review and inspections of several projects at 167 Oak Street, Moxie Way Subdivision, 90 Main Street, Soriedem Way Subdivision, and survey of the municipal parking lot behind the fire station building on School St. The RFP for road work on Winter Street has been completed, and Ramco Construction of West Bridgewater was selected as the lowest qualified bidder. The finished pavement wearing course installation on Flagg Street been scheduled for the second week of June 2026.



PARKS & RECREATION

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Parks and Recreation Department – May 2026

In May we were finally able to do some proactive maintenance on our fields and playgrounds.

Field Maintenance

We finished replacing the infield at Hayes baseball field. It took longer than expected due to the inclement weather this spring. We have several SAVE volunteers helping us paint the fences at our baseball and softball fields. Painting is completed at the Men's Softball field, and we are currently working on the 7A/7B fields at Legion.

The snowstorms damaged a backstop at the Men's Softball field, so we are in the process of obtaining estimates to get the backstop replaced. We hope to secure the funding for this project through CPC.



Parks

Several on-site meetings have been conducted at the Old State Farm Trail. We are working with several groups to identify needs and develop a design for the South trail. Walking into these woods is quite an adventure. Whether we are seeing deer, avoiding poison ivy or noticing all the mushrooms, we all definitely got plenty of exercise. We are currently awaiting results from the Conservation Committee's evaluation.

Playgrounds

Safety mats were placed at Marathon Park underneath the swings and at the bottom of the slides. We also brought in several truckloads of mulch for the playgrounds.

Miscellaneous

The baseball fields have been busy with games the entire month of May. We look forward to all the playoff activity in June.





FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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MAY 2026

Finance Departments Update – Laurie Guerrini/Finance Director

Accounting Operational Update

For May, the Accounting Department has been proactively reviewing accounts on a weekly basis to closely monitor any concerning budget line items and maintain overall fiscal oversight. Department heads continue to be reminded to ensure that outstanding invoices are addressed in a timely manner and do not remain unresolved. As the fiscal year-end of June 30, 2026 approaches, significant attention is also being dedicated to preparing end-of-year transfers and ensuring all financial records remain accurate, balanced, and up to date.

Behind the scenes, the team has been focused on setting up accounts for future billing, accounts receivable, and general ledger activities, while also importing approved budgets into the MUNIS system in preparation for the upcoming fiscal year. Staff have also continued reviewing account structures and validating financial data to support a smooth transition into FY27. Payroll continues to process updates following the close of health insurance enrollment, ensuring all employee changes are accurately reflected in the system and payroll records remain current. Additionally, Payroll successfully completed the Police retroactive pay processing once the contract was ratified and fully executed.

In addition, the department remains actively engaged with department heads on a variety of ongoing projects and operational initiatives throughout the Town, while continuing to provide day-to-day financial support, coordination, and assistance across departments as year-end activities increase.

FY2026 Financial Reporting for April 2026 can be found on the town website:

FY2026 Financial Reporting – April 2026:

April 2026 - FY26

Assessing Operational Update

The assessors in communities that use a semi-annual preliminary tax payment system for FY27 are to make a preliminary tax commitment in sufficient time for the collector to prepare and mail preliminary tax bills by July 1, 2026.

The assessors must prepare the legal file that will be used for FY27 tax commitment and billing. This file will be used for both the preliminary and actual tax commitment and billing. Therefore, it must identify all real property parcels and personal property accounts subject to taxation in FY27 and the person(s) to be assessed FY27 taxes on those parcels and accounts.

For the assessors to make the preliminary tax commitment with sufficient time for the collector to issue preliminary tax bills by July 1, it is essential that the assessors begin updating the legal file as soon as the information on the following becomes available:

1. Ownership changes as of January 1, 2026, later if known.
2. Lot splits, subdivisions and condominium conversions as of January 1, 2026.
3. Personal property accounts as of January 1, 2026.

The above has been completed and will enable us to proceed to the next process in preliminary billing to make sure that our bills are accurate and mailed out in a timely manner.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The assessor's department committed motor vehicle excise 2026 commitment #3 to the collector on May 12, 2026, in the amount of \$ 277,032.14. Commitment #3 has an issue date of May 19, 2026 and a due date of June 18, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact us at 508-659-1272 or 1273.

Treasurer/Revenue Collecting Operational Update

Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 4 Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bills were Due 5/1/26.

REAL ESTATE

More than 34,000 Real Estate tax payments have been received this year totaling approximately \$61.6M in revenue.

- 55% of payments were received electronically via mortgage and escrow companies.
- 20% of payments were received at Town Hall.
- 13% of payments were mailed to the Collector's P.O. Box.
- 12% of payments were made through the Town website.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

More than 800 Personal Property tax payments have been received this year totaling approximately \$1.88M in revenue.

- 50% of payments were mailed to the Collector's P.O. Box.
- 30% of payments were made through the Town website.
- 20% of payments were received at Town Hall.

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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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

JUNE 2026

Finance Departments Update – Laurie Guerrini/Finance Director

Accounting Operational Update

As the fiscal year draws to a close, the Accounting Department has remained focused on completing year-end responsibilities while maintaining support for the Town's daily financial operations. Considerable effort has been devoted to reviewing outstanding invoices and expenditures, verifying that transactions are recorded in the proper accounting period, and preparing financial records for the close of FY26.

Within Payroll, Julie successfully implemented the FY27 health insurance updates in MUNIS, including revised insurance rates and plan selections, Health Savings Account (HSA) contributions, benefit premium changes, and accrual adjustments. These updates position the Town for a seamless transition into the new fiscal year and support the accurate administration of employee benefits.

The department also participated in webinars hosted by MassDEP to learn about potential grant opportunities and funding resources that may support future Town initiatives. In preparation for FY27, staff imported and posted the adopted budget into MUNIS and established charge codes to facilitate billing and payment transactions.

To support year-end financial management, all approved and certified budget transfer orders were entered into MUNIS. Throughout the month, the team carefully monitored spending, reviewed account activity, and worked closely with departments to address outstanding items before the close of FY26.

Alongside routine accounting and payroll functions, staff continued collaborating with the OPM, department heads, and project teams on several capital and infrastructure initiatives, including the Water Strategies Project, Dehumidification Project, and Sewer Upgrades Phases I and II.

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FY2026 Financial Reporting – May 2026:

May 2026 - FY26

Assessing Operational Update

Cities and towns that accept General Laws Chapter 59, Section 57C may implement a quarterly tax payment system. The Town of Bridgewater accepted this law on May 3, 2010.

The purpose of the quarterly tax payment system is to provide taxpayers with greater certainty about payment due dates and communities with a more evenly distributed level of income throughout the fiscal year. Under a quarterly tax payment system, a city or town reduces if not eliminates costly short-term borrowing in anticipation of tax revenue and generally increases investment income.

If a city or town accepts G.L. c. 59, § 57C, and adopts a quarterly tax billing system, property tax payments for that community will ordinarily be made on this schedule: August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

The due date for tax payments is automatically extended to the next business day when it falls on (1) a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, or (2) a day when municipal offices are closed, as authorized by charter, by-law, ordinance or otherwise, for weather-related or other public safety emergency. Under the quarterly system:

- The assessors make a preliminary tax commitment each year in sufficient time for the collector to mail preliminary tax bills by July 1.
- The preliminary tax is based on the prior year's net tax on the property and may not exceed, with limited exceptions, 50 percent of that amount. The prior year's net tax may be adjusted by the assessors for individual parcels or accounts for property destruction, new construction, loss of personal exemption, parcel returned to tax rolls/new personal property account and parcel divisions and to reflect the annual 2.5 percent tax increase allowed under Proposition 2½ and any tax increase attributable to approved overrides or exclusions.
- The collector mails the preliminary tax bills each year by July 1.
- The preliminary tax is payable in two equal installments. The first installment is due on August 1, and the second installment is due on November 1, unless circumstances as stated above.

This year the assessors' department made the FY 2027 preliminary tax commitment by June 11, 2026, and the treasurer collector is expecting to have the preliminary bills mailed by June 26th with the first installment due on August 3, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 508-659-1272 or 1273.

Treasurer/Revenue Collecting Operational Update

FY27 Real Estate and Personal Property Preliminary Tax bills will be issued at the end of the month.

The Town offers in-person payment at the Collector office and online option for payment.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Fire Department – Objectives and Updates May 29, 2026

FY26 SAFE and Senior SAFE Grant Award – We are pleased to announce that our department has received notification from Governor Maura Healey & Fire Marshal Jon Davine that we were awarded the FY26 SAFE and Senior SAFE Grant! We have been awarded \$7,069.56 for SAFE & \$3,004.56 for Senior SAFE. The SAFE funds will allow us to provide community risk reduction efforts in our schools and to our senior population. We are extremely grateful to receive these grant funds!

Training:

MBTA Commuter Rail Safety - Earlier this month, the Bridgewater Fire Department welcomed the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's Commuter Rail and Ferry Safety Team for a refresher course on commuter rail operations as they relate to fire service response. Firefighters received orientation covering crew resources, train composition, emergency entrances and exits, and proper shutdown procedures. Partnerships like this one with the MBTA ensure our firefighters are prepared and ready to respond to any situation that may arise in our community.

RIT Scenarios - In keeping with our longstanding "Mayday May" tradition, members of the Bridgewater Fire Department dedicated time on each shift to refreshing their Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) skills. A RIT is a designated crew standing by solely to rescue a firefighter who becomes lost, disoriented, or trapped during an active incident. Each shift group worked through a live scenario using our new station's training tower, simulating the rescue of a downed firefighter.

This year, the department took the training a step further by integrating it into our EMS Rounds with Medical Director Dr. Dan Muse of Brockton Hospital. The combined drill ran as a full-scale scenario from start to finish: the RIT crew rescued a downed firefighter, extricated them from the simulated fire building, and removed their gear to begin CPR. The patient was then handed off to a second crew, who continued to care in the back of one of our ambulances using a simulation mannequin – replicating an active transport to the hospital. After a set period of time to simulate travel, the crew transferred report and patient care to Dr. Muse, at which point the simulation concluded and a full debriefing took place.

This kind of end-to-end training is invaluable. By bridging fire suppression and emergency medical care into a single, seamless scenario, our members are better prepared for the worst-case situations a fire scene can present.

Ground Ladders/Aerial Operations

With the department settled into its new home and warmer weather finally cooperating, training has kicked into full gear, and the new training tower is taking center stage. For the first time in the department's history, members can practice ground ladder operations, civilian rescues over ladders, and aerial ladder placement, deployment, and rescue techniques on a purpose-built tower located right on department property. Having this dedicated facility allows our firefighters to practice countless techniques, sharpen their skills, and master the fundamentals of firefighting at any time while remaining ready to respond to an actual emergency.

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Community Engagement/Events:

- 4th Annual First Responders Day 2026 (4/25/26) – The Bridgewater Fire Department was proud to take part in the 4th Annual First Responders Day at Town River Landing. It was a beautiful day and a well-attended event, bringing together many first responder agencies and members of our community. Thank you to the Fire for Effect Foundation for organizing another great event, as well as to all the vendors and everyone who came out to support. We'd also like to recognize BTV for sponsoring a blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross. We appreciate the continued support for our first responders and the community we serve.
- Bridgewater Little League Parade (4/25/26) – We led the Bridgewater Little League Opening Day parade with Forest Fire 1. We hope they had a great day & season ahead!
- Bridgewater Girls Softball Opening Day Parade (4/26/26) – We led the Bridgewater Girls Softball Opening Day parade with Engine 3. We hope they had a great day & season ahead!
- Bridgewater Senior Center Volunteer Appreciation (04/28/26) – Deputy Chief Glen Grafton attended the volunteer appreciation event. Thank you to the Senior Center for inviting us to be a part of this special event!
- Girl Scout Troup Station Tour (4/29/26) – Daisy Troop #74403 stopped by for a Station Tour. Firefighter Amy Glavin & Firefighter Kevin Gunnarson showed them the engine, ambulance, went over when to call 911 & demonstrated what a Firefighter looks like in full gear. We hope they enjoyed their visit!
- Youth Fishing Derby (5/2/26) – FF Ryan Forant & FF Chris Macone worked at the annual Lions Club Youth Fishing Derby. The event was held at Easter Sales at 470 Pine Street. Thanks to the Lions Club for inviting us to be a part of this great community event!
- Williams Intermediate School Special Education Class Station Tour (5/5/26) – A special education class from the Williams Intermediate School came to the new fire station for their community outing. FF Cori Handorff and FF Billy Lieb gave the students a tour of the station, showed them the Tower, and demonstrated what a Firefighter looks like in full gear. We really enjoyed their visit and hope that they did too!
- Kindergarten Welcome Night at BRRHS (5/6/26) – FF Mike Farias & FF Ryan Forant attended the Kindergarten Welcome Night at BRRHS, helping to welcome incoming students and their families. With Engine 1 on site, students had the opportunity to see a fire truck up close and become more comfortable with firefighters and emergency apparatus in a school setting.
- Pre-Prom Event at RMS (5/6/26) – FF Billy Lieb participated in the Pre-Prom Safety Event at Raynham Middle School. This important program brought together students and caregivers to discuss prom safety. FF Lieb presented on what we call “Honesty Saves Lives” which encourages students to be transparent and honest about what is going on so that first responders can help them. The event also included discussions on: Social Host Law, Good Samaritan Law, and Narcan. High Point provided over 100 students and families with Narcan. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with our school community to promote safety, awareness, and preparedness.
- Bridgewater Police & Fire Charity Classic at BIA (5/9/26) – Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Bridgewater Police & Fire Charity Classic! We had a great turnout, and it was truly a fantastic community event. We're proud to share that the Bridgewater Firefighters took home the win with a 6-2 victory. Proceeds from the event will help support the July 4th celebrations here in Bridgewater.

We also want to extend a sincere thank you to the Bridgewater Ice Arena for generously donating ice time, and to Bridgewater Print & Copy for their support in creating the artwork, printed flyers, and banners for the event. We appreciate everyone who attended and helped make the event such a success!



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- Station Tour with Group from Arc of Greater Brockton (5/13/26) – A group from The Arc of Greater Brockton came by for a station tour. Firefighters Ryan Forant and Billy Lieb showed them one of our ambulances and an engine and helped everyone see what a firefighter looks like in full protective gear. These visits are a great opportunity to help make emergency responders and equipment more familiar and less intimidating. Thank you to The Arc of Greater Brockton for stopping by – we enjoyed having you visit us!
- Fire Truck Ride to School (5/14/26) – We had a Fire Truck Ride to School with Darwin, Xavier & Jasper! Captain Chuilli, Firefighter Perez & Firefighter Young picked them up in Engine 4. They were the lucky winners of a raffle prize & we hope they enjoyed it!
- EMS Week (5/17-5/23/26) – The theme for EMS week in 2026 is “Improving Outcomes, Together”.
- CERT Team Hosted Shelter Training with the American Red Cross (5/18/26) – Our CERT Team hosted a shelter training with the American Red Cross.
- South Shore Fire Administrator's Association Meeting (5/20/26) – Our Executive Assistant hosted the Southeast Regional Fire Admin Association Meeting at our new station.
- Fire Truck Ride to School (5/21/26) – We had a Fire Truck Ride to School with Catherine, Henry, Grady & Grant! Captain Ciccolo, Firefighter Caswell & Firefighter Micciantuono picked them up in Engine 3. They were the lucky winners of a raffle prize & we hope they enjoyed it!
- Homeschool Group Station Tour (5/22/26) – We recently welcomed a local homeschool group for a station tour and fire safety presentation. Firefighter Gunnarson and Firefighter Handorff showed the group around the station, talked about fire safety, and answered lots of great questions. The group was also lucky enough to see our firefighters participating in training while they were visiting, giving them a firsthand look at the dedication and preparation that goes into serving our community each day. Thanks for stopping by!
- Memorial Day Parade (5/25/26) – We were proud to be a part of the Memorial Day parade & ceremony to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Thank you to all who organized this event! Thank you to our Honor Guard who for participating. Thank you to our CERT Team for volunteering during these community events!
- Fire Truck Ride to School (05/28/26) – We had a Fire Truck Ride to School with Riley, Lance, Parker & Mason! Captain Chuilli, Firefighter Lieb & Firefighter Young picked them up in Engine 3. They were the lucky winners of a raffle prize & we hope they enjoyed it!

Upcoming Events:

- George Mitchell Elementary School Field Day (6/2/26)
- BFit Heroes Cup (06/5-6/7/26)
- Williams Intermediate School Field Day (6/9/26)
- Firefighter Sunday (06/14/26)



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department – Objectives and Updates

June 26, 2026

Firefighter Sunday was held on Sunday, June 14, 2026, to honor all departed firefighters. The following Years of Services Pins and Massachusetts Firefighter Service Award were presented to:

- Firefighter Joshua Anacki – 10 Years
- Firefighter David Bradshaw – 10 Years
- Firefighter Andrew Daigle – 10 Years
- Firefighter Cori Handorff- 10 Years
- Firefighter Thomas Nicholson – 10 Years
- Firefighter Joshua Sproul – 10 Years

- Lieutenant Thomas Luckman III – 15 Years

- Lieutenant Jeffrey Germaine – 20 Years
- Lieutenant Gerald Wainio Jr – 20 Years
- Lieutenant Daniel Westgate – 20 Years
- Lieutenant Sean Peters – 20 Years
- Firefighter James Reidy – 20 Years

- Captain James Leurini – 25 Years
- Firefighter David Santilli – 25 Years

- Chief John Schlitz – 30 Years
- Captain Paul Chuilli Sr – 30 Years

Deputy Chief Grafton presented the Firefighter of the Year Award to Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Macone. The Chief Clarence “Brother” Levy Firefighter of the Year Award is presented to a Firefighter chosen each year who has demonstrated Courage, Commitment, Loyalty, and Integrity to the Bridgewater Fire Department and the Citizens of the Town of Bridgewater. Congratulations to Firefighter Macone!

Relocation of Firefighter Memorial - The Bridgewater Fire Department would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who helped make the relocation of the Firefighter Memorial from the Town Common to our new Fire Station a success. A special thank you to Captain Paul Chuilli for organizing and coordinating this project from start to finish. His dedication and hard work ensured that this important memorial has a new home where it can continue to honor the firefighters who have served our community.

We would also like to recognize and thank:

- Bridgewater Highway Department for their assistance with the move
- Ferrari Concrete Construction for pouring the concrete pad and safely transporting and installing the 2,000-pound granite memorial
- Stonebridge Builders for generously donating the concrete
- Barnicoat Memorials for donating the monument setting putty
- Several members of Group 1 who dug out the footing for the concrete pad, helping prepare the site for the memorial's new location

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This project would not have been possible without the support, expertise, and generosity of these individuals and organizations. We are grateful for their commitment to preserving this important symbol of remembrance and service for generations to come. The Firefighter Memorial stands as a lasting tribute to those who have dedicated their lives to protecting our community, and we are proud to have it prominently displayed at its new home.

Training:

- **Training Tower Operations** - Earlier this month, members of the Bridgewater Fire Department utilized the station's new training tower to conduct a variety of off duty training evolutions. Firefighters worked through ground ladder operations, victim rescue, vent-enter-isolate-search (VEIS), and aerial ladder operations. The training tower continues to prove itself as an asset for hands-on skill development.
- **Ground Ladders & Tanker Shuttle Operations** - On duty training this month focused on ground ladder operations, ensuring members maintain proficiency with one of the fire service's most fundamental tools. Members also participated in a review of Tanker Shuttle operations, reinforcing procedures for establishing and maintaining a water supply in areas where fire hydrants are not available. This type of training is essential for ensuring effective fireground operations throughout all areas of our community. This kind of end-to-end training is invaluable. By bridging fire suppression and emergency medical care into a single, seamless scenario, our members are better prepared for the worst-case situations a fire scene can present.
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Community Engagement/Events:

- Funeral for Boston Firefighter Robert Kilduff Jr. (6/1/26) – Members of the Bridgewater Fire Department travelled to Boston pay their respects and honor Boston Firefighter Robert Kilduff, Jr., who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. We extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends and members of the Boston Fire Department. We would also like to thank Lucini Bus Lines Inc. for generously donating transportation for our firefighters to attend the services.
- George Mitchell Elementary School Field Day (6/3/26) - Firefighters Handorff, Lieb, Murano, and Young spent the day at George H. Mitchell Elementary School's Field Day! Before the water games got underway, our firefighters provided a fire safety presentation for all students, sharing important tips to help keep everyone safe. The day wrapped up with some fun as we helped "confetti" the school principals, as a reward for the students' Dance-A-Thon success! It was a great day filled with learning, laughter, and community spirit. The students had a fantastic time, and our firefighters enjoyed being part of the fun as well.
- 2026 Healing Heroes Foundation/Boston Bruins Foundation - BFit Heroes Cup (06/5 - 6/7/26) – Some of our Firefighters participated in the BFit Heroes Cup Hockey Tournament again this year. The Heroes Cup Tourney is made up of fire, police, military and EMS. We had one team with players from Bridgewater Fire & Bridgewater Police. Our team raised about \$2,500.00 that goes to the Healing Heroes Foundation. Proceeds from the event support mental health initiatives and charitable causes within the first responder and military communities.
- Fire Truck Ride to School (6/9/26) – We had a Fire Truck Ride to School with Gianna, Emmy & Jordan. Lieutenant Wainio, Firefighter Harrington & Firefighter Jorge picked them up in Engine 3. They were the lucky winners of a raffle prize & we hope they enjoyed it!
- Williams Intermediate School Field Day (6/9/26) – Firefighters Forant, Lieb, Murano & Malone spent the day at the Williams Intermediate School's Field Day! Our firefighters provided a fire safety presentation for all students. We had another great day with these students!

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- Boy Scout Troop Station Tour (6/22/26) – A boy scout troop came by the station for a station tour and to earn their Fire Safety Merit Badge. Firefighter Gunnarson showed them our fire apparatus and described the function of each. He also went over fire prevention activities that are completed in our community. We really enjoyed their visit!

Upcoming Events:

- Fourth of July Parade & Fireworks (7/4/26)
- BSU Resident Assistant Training/Fire Safety Presentation (8/25/26)
- BFFA Local 2611 Golf Tournament (9/21/26)

Calls for January - May 2026:

	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	YTD Totals
Fire	12	5	6	13	4	40
EMS	308	313	268	306	316	1511
False Alarm	11	5	16	6	69	107
Other	131	111	126	100	44	512
Totals:	462	434	416	425	433	2170

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Department – Objectives and Updates

July 24, 2026

Thank you to our CERT Team Volunteers: We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members for their outstanding dedication and countless hours of volunteer service in July. Our CERT volunteers generously donated their time to the following:

- Independence Day Celebration at the Senior Center
- Staffing the Cooling Center during two days of extreme heat
- Wellness checks for residents at Hemlock Dr & Heritage Cir
- Assisting with the Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks

These dedicated volunteers are always ready to step up whenever our community needs them.

Thank you to every CERT member for your hard work, professionalism, and willingness to serve. We are grateful for everything you do!



Training:

- **4-Gas Meter Operations** - All four groups received training this month on 4-gas meter operations, covering the fundamentals of atmospheric monitoring for structural and hazmat incidents. The training was delivered via department presentation and addressed each of the four channels monitored by Industrial Scientific 4-gas meter - oxygen, carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulfide, and combustible gas - including normal atmospheric values, alarm thresholds, and action levels for each. Members also covered proper bump testing and fresh-air calibration procedures, gas stratification and metering technique, and how to accurately document and report readings to the Incident Commander. Additional topics included cross-sensitivity between sensors, confined space monitoring requirements, and use of the NIOSH Pocket Guide for identifying unknown substances. The training concluded with a hands-on practical lab. A follow-on series of mock call scenarios is planned to allow members to apply these skills in simulated real-world conditions.
- **UTV Skid Unit Operations** - Members also received training on the department's Kubota utility vehicle and its attached skid-mount pump unit. This rig is designed for wildland and off-road firefighting in areas where full-size apparatus cannot access. Training covered basic vehicle operation, pump startup and shutdown, flowing water, tank refill, and patient transport using the onboard Stokes basket.
- **Records Access Officer Training (7/8/26)** – Renee Rushton, Executive Assistant attending the Records Access Officer Training that reviewed the Massachusetts Public Record Law.

Community Engagement/Events:

- Babysitting Course (6/29/26) – FF Ryan Forant and FF Kevin Gunnarson did a fire safety presentation at a babysitting course at the Conant Center.
- Fourth of July Parade & Fireworks (7/4/26) - The Bridgewater Fire Department Honor Guard marched in the parade. We also had Firefighter/Paramedics that worked details during the parade and fireworks. Thank you to our CERT Team for volunteering their time to help during the parade and fireworks! Thank you to the Fourth of July Committee for putting together these amazing community events.

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Upcoming Events:

- BSU Resident Assistant Training/Fire Safety Presentation (8/25/26)
- 25th Anniversary of 9/11 Ceremony (9/11/26)
- 31st Annual Fire & Life Safety Education Conference (9/16-9/17/26)
- BSU Job & Internship Fair (9/17/26)
- BFFA Local 2611 Golf Tournament (9/21/26)
- BSU National Night Out (9/24/26)
- Autumn Fest (9/26/26)



Calls for January – June 2026:

	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	YTD Totals
Fire	12	5	6	13	4	12	52
EMS	308	313	268	306	316	304	1815
False Alarm	11	5	16	6	69	75	182
Other	131	111	126	100	44	47	559
Totals:	462	434	416	425	433	438	2608



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Health Department Operational Report: 5/1/26-5/29/2026

Septic:

Percolation test- 115 Legge Street
Bottom hole/final inspection- 857 South Street
Percolation test- Pinnacle Point, 2 Lots
Bottom hole- 115 Plain Street
Bottom hole/final inspection- 54 Marianne Dr.
Plan review- 533 Walnut Street
Plan review- 857 South Street
Bottom hole/final- 121 Pine Street
D-Box inspection- 540 Pleasant Street
Bottom hole/final- 55 Glenmore Lane
Percolation test- 48 Saddle Dr.
Bottom hole/final- 20 Vinny Cir.
Bottom hole/final- 134 Plain Street
Percolation test- 339 Auburn Street
Percolation test- 65 Lyman Place
Bottom hole/final- 55 Ivy Cir.
Plan Review- 74 Magnolia
Bottom hole- 5 Rocky Mountain
Percolation test- 120 Deerfield Dr.
Percolation test- 476 Cherry Street
Bottom hole- Lot 2 Hampden

Food Inspections:

High Hawk (Residential)
Chatter Box
7-11
Bridgewater Snack Shack
B/R High School
Middle School
Mitchell Elementary School
Williams Intermediate
College Pizza
Baldie's Pizza

Pool Inspection:

Waterford Village
Viva at LAKESHORE X2 POOLS
Axis at Lakeshore
Bridgewater State University Pool

Housing and Trash Complaints:

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department Operational Report: 6/1/26-6/30/2026

Septic:

Plan review- 50 Kathy Cir.
 Bottom hole inspection/final- 74 Magnolia Way.
 Final inspection- Lot 2 Hampden
 Bottom hole inspection/final- 459 High St.
 Plan review- 115 Legge St.
 Bottom hole inspection/final- 19 Cherry St.
 Final review- 54 Marianne Dr.
 Final review- 158 Plain St.
 Plan review- 339 Auburn St.
 Final inspection- 5 Rocky Mountain
 Percolation test- 1599 South St.
 Bottom hole inspection/final- 115 Legge St.
 Percolation test- 140 Bayberry Cir.
 Plan review- 120 Deerfield Dr.
 Percolation test- 50 Turner Dr.
 Bottom hole inspection/final- 579 Walnut St.
 Final review- 459 High St.
 Final review- 19 Cherry St.
 Final review- 134 Plain St.
 Final review- 20 Vinny Cir.
 Percolation test- 24 Orange St.
 Percolation test- 10 Bedford Park
 Percolation test- 0 Wildwood
 Plan review- 599 South St.
 Plan review- 476 Cherry St.

Well Reviews:

680 Bedford St.
 30 Kenneth Dr.
 117 Oak St.
 373 Pond St.
 10 Edrih Rd.

Food Inspections:

Gourmet Fingerz (Mobile)
 Sugar Hill Dairy
 Scotland Links Golf Kitchen
 Ronnie Waffles
 Subway
 Bridgewater Bagel
 Bridge Mart
 Senior Center Kitchen
 Portuguese Holy Ghost Club
 Tropical Smoothie Café
 Circle K
 Cumberland Farms (Pleasant St.)
 Lucky Star Gas
 Bridgewater Liquors

Pool Inspection:

Kingswood Apartments

Housing and Trash Complaints:

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Department Operational Report: 7/8-7/30/2026

Septic:

Percolation test- 99 Cherry St.

Percolation test- 35 Sherwood Lane

Plan reviews- LOTS #1,2,3,4 (167 Oak St.) Potable well review included.

Plan review- 50 Turner Dr.

Percolation test- 172 Spruce St.

Bottom hole/final- 10 Hampden

Bottom hole/final- 120 Deerfield Dr.

Plan review- 140 Bayberry Cir.

Bottom hole/final- 50 Turner Dr.

Percolation test- 125 Boxwood

Percolation test- 310 Auburn St.

D-Box inspection- 450 Summer St.

Plan review- 0 Wildwood Place

Percolation test- 55 Bayberry

Percolation test- 634 Pine St.

Percolation test- 55 Running River

Well Reviews:

167 Oak St- Lots 1-4

Food Inspections:

Bradley Bros Pizza- Preoperational & Operational

Residential kitchen (Black mill Bakery)

Freedom BBQ (Mobile)

Danny's Ice Cream (Mobile)

Ninety-Nine (General complaint)

Housing and Trash Complaints:

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Bridgewater Council on Aging Monthly Operational Report – May

At the Bridgewater Senior Center, we were excited to welcome Katie Morrill, who recently joined our team as the new Executive Assistant. All were encouraged to stop by and introduce themselves as she began her new role with us.

The Center hosted our annual Mother's Day Breakfast on Tuesday, May 5th. The event brought together senior women to celebrate and honor the many mothers in our community. Attendees enjoyed a delicious breakfast, raffles, and live entertainment provided by Bill Reidy. A special highlight of the morning was a surprise visit from a local 2nd grade class, whose thoughtful participation and cheerful energy truly made the seniors' day. The event was well attended and created a warm and festive atmosphere for all who participated.

In observance of Memorial Day, the Center also hosted a special celebration on Wednesday, May 20th at 11:30 AM. Participants gathered to honor and remember those who have served our country while enjoying entertainment by Brian Fiorentino. The event was meaningful and well received by attendees, with strong participation from Bridgewater residents.

Mother's Day



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Memorial Day



Upcoming June Events

The Bridgewater Senior Center is preparing for a variety of educational, social, and community engagement programs throughout June designed to promote learning, civic engagement, social connection, and celebration for older adults in our community.

Abigail Takes You from Revolution to Declaration

Monday, June 2, 2026, | 2:00 PM

This historical presentation invites participants to explore the foundations of American independence through the perspective of Abigail Adams. The program highlights the events leading from the American Revolution to the Declaration of Independence while emphasizing the courage, challenges, and sacrifices made by early Americans. This educational opportunity aligns with the nation's upcoming 250th anniversary celebrations and encourages lifelong learning among participants.

Town Manager Meet-Up

Wednesday, June 10, 2026, | 12:30 PM Sign-ups required

The Town Manager will join participants to provide updates on the FY27 budget, current town projects, and upcoming municipal initiatives. This event offers seniors an opportunity to stay informed, ask questions, and engage in open dialogue regarding matters impacting the local community. Programming such as this strengthens civic engagement and communication between residents and town leadership.

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Juneteenth Celebration

Thursday, June 11, 2026, | 12:30 PM Sign-ups required

Back by popular demand, Raymond Ajemian will present an educational program focused on influential African American figures who made meaningful contributions prior to the Civil Rights Movement. This program supports cultural awareness, education, and historical appreciation while recognizing the importance of Juneteenth and the lasting impact of these individuals on American history.

Father's Day Cookout

Wednesday, June 17, 2026, | 11:30 AM

\$5 per person | RSVP required by June 12

The Senior Center will host a celebratory Father's Day cookout honoring fathers and father figures in the community. The event will feature a burger bar, entertainment by Dave Andrews, and opportunities for socialization and community connection. Events such as this continue to foster engagement, reduce isolation, and strengthen community relationships among participants.

Save the Date: Independence Day Celebration & 250th Anniversary of the United States

Wednesday, July 1, 2026, | 11:30 AM

\$5 per person | RSVP required by June 25

Bridgewater residents receive priority registrationThe Senior Center will celebrate Independence Day while recognizing the 250th Anniversary of the United States. Participants will enjoy food, entertainment by Jimbo Wilson & the Creekside Band, and an opportunity to celebrate together in a festive community setting.

Overall, June programming reflects the Bridgewater Senior Center's continued commitment to providing meaningful educational opportunities, civic engagement, social connection, and celebratory programming that supports the well-being of older adults in the community.

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Bridgewater Council on Aging Monthly Operational Report – June

Throughout July, the Bridgewater Senior Center continued to provide meaningful opportunities for education, engagement, and community connection through a variety of special programs and events. The month began with the Center's annual Independence Day Celebration, which commemorated both the nation's Independence Day and the 250th Anniversary of the United States. The well-attended event brought together older adults for an afternoon of food, fellowship, and live entertainment by Jimbo Wilson & The Creekside Band, creating a festive and welcoming atmosphere for all who attended.

Educational programming remained a strong focus throughout the month. Representatives from Quincy Memorials Group presented Beyond the Stone, an informative workshop that guided participants through the process of creating meaningful memorials while also addressing important funeral planning considerations and encouraging proactive end-of-life planning. The Center also hosted an open discussion forum with Town Manager Justin Cassanova-Davis, providing residents with an opportunity to ask questions, voice concerns, and receive updates on town initiatives. This program fostered open communication between local government and the community while encouraging civic engagement.

The month's programming concluded with author and publishing professional Henry Quinlan's presentation, My Favorite Stories from 50 Years in Publishing. Through personal anecdotes and stories from his distinguished career, Mr. Quinlan offered participants an entertaining and insightful look into the publishing industry, sharing memorable experiences and perspectives that were both educational and engaging.

Town Manager Talk



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4th of July Lunch with Live Music



Henry Quinlan Talk



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August 2026 Operational Program Update

In addition to our daily and recurring programs, exercise classes, and congregate lunches, the Center will offer several special programs and events throughout August that provide educational opportunities, encourage community connection, and support the overall well-being of our older adult population. On August 17, the Center will host the bimonthly Alice Café (Memory Café), a welcoming program designed for individuals experiencing cognitive decline and their caregivers. This day's theme, Therapy Gardens, will provide participants with a sensory experience featuring fragrant herbs such as lavender, rosemary, and mint. Through guided interaction, attendees will learn about the history, uses, and calming benefits of these plants while enjoying a supportive and engaging environment that encourages socialization and caregiver connection.

On August 25, the Center will welcome Tara Hammes, Registered Dietitian and Healthy Aging Manager for the Massachusetts Councils on Aging, to present Cooking for One. This educational program will address the unique challenges many older adults face when preparing meals for themselves and will provide practical strategies for healthy meal planning, nutrition, and overall wellness. The presentation supports the Center's continued focus on promoting healthy lifestyles and independence among older residents.

The following day, August 26, the Center will conclude the summer season with its annual End of Summer Bash. Participants will enjoy an afternoon of entertainment, food, and laughs, providing another opportunity to strengthen friendships and reduce social isolation while celebrating the close of summer in a fun and welcoming atmosphere.

Planning is also underway for National Senior Center Month in September. The Bridgewater Senior Center will celebrate with a week-long Spirit Week, scheduled for September 14–18, highlighting the important role senior centers play in fostering health, independence, and community engagement. Daily themes will include Sports Day, Tie Dye & Bright Colors, Wacky Wednesday, Town of Bridgewater Day, and Rock Your Roots. Participation is voluntary, and the week is intended to encourage community pride, increase member engagement, and celebrate the vibrant spirit of the Bridgewater Senior Center.

Through these programs and events, the Bridgewater Senior Center continues to provide opportunities that enhance physical, emotional, and social well-being while reinforcing its mission to support older adults in remaining active, informed, connected, and engaged within the community. We kindly ask that anyone interested in attending a program, event, or meal at the Bridgewater Senior Center sign up in advance whenever registration is required. Advance registration helps our staff and volunteers accurately plan for seating, meals, supplies, and overall event setup. If you have registered and are no longer able to attend, please notify the Senior Center as soon as possible. Your courtesy allows us to better accommodate others and ensures our programs are planned efficiently for everyone's enjoyment.



HUMAN RESOURCES

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JUNE 2026

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We also take time to celebrate employee birthdays and service milestones, recognizing the dedication and commitment that help make the Town of Bridgewater a great place to work and serve. Thank you to all of our employees for your hard work, professionalism, and continued contributions to our community.

Carolyn Wood, Human Resources Director

Marisa Kurey, Human Resources Generalist

Promotions: Lisa Brogan – *DPW Administrative Supervisor*

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Farewells: David Daniel – *IT Computer System Technician*



Please join us in wishing David well as he departs from his role as IT Computer Systems Technician.

We are grateful for the knowledge, support, and expertise he provided during his time with the Town. His efforts helped keep our systems running smoothly and supported employees across all departments.

Thank you, David, and best wishes on your next chapter!

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

Our community connections grow stronger every day through the S.A.V.E. and Veteran Volunteer Program, which now features 55 dedicated volunteers. This meaningful initiative provides vital opportunities for engagement while making a lasting, positive impact. We are incredibly grateful for our volunteers' time and talents, and we look forward to the program's continued growth and success. Our community connections grow stronger every day through the S.A.V.E. and Veteran Volunteer Program, which now features 55 dedicated volunteers. This meaningful initiative provides vital opportunities for engagement while making a lasting, positive impact. We are incredibly grateful for our volunteers' time and talents, and we look forward to the program's continued growth and success.



Wellness Coordinator of the Year: Marisa Kurey – HR Generalist:



Congratulations to Marisa Kurey on being recognized as Mayflower Municipal Health Group's Wellness Coordinator of the Year!

This recognition is a true reflection of Marisa's dedication to promoting employee wellness and creating opportunities for our staff to prioritize their health and well-being. Through her creativity, enthusiasm, and commitment, Marisa has brought meaningful wellness initiatives to the Town of Bridgewater, from engaging in challenges and educational programs to activities to help build a healthier more connected workplace.

We are incredibly proud of Marisa and grateful for the passion and positivity she brings to our Human Resources team and to all of our employees each day.

Please join us in congratulating Marisa on this well-deserved honor!

HUMAN RESOURCES

Birthdays and Milestones: Celebrating Our Team:

It's time to celebrate! Happy Birthday to all of our employees celebrating this month. Thank you for everything you do to make Bridgewater a great place to work and serve. We hope you have a fantastic birthday and an amazing year ahead. Bob R., Peter T., Ann Marie G., Courtney R., Paul D., James O., Michael H., Casey R., Alyssa M., Jane B., Lisa B., Brandon J., Jack H., Mike C., John P., Tara C., and Cade C.



This month, we proudly recognize employees reaching service milestones. Your years of commitment, expertise, and public service have helped strengthen our organization and support our residents. Congratulations, and thank you for your continued dedication! Brian M., Lisa M., Matthew L., Robert G., Steven K., Kelly K., Merrie R., David B., and Apryl E.

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As we kick off the new fiscal year, we're excited to celebrate this month's promotions, achievements, birthdays, and service milestones! Thank you for your continued dedication to Bridgewater and enjoy the rest of your summer!

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

Promotions:



Allyson Johnson – Office Coordinator

Congratulations to Allyson on her promotion as Office Coordinator in the Parks & Recreation Department! While continuing in the same title, this promotion recognizes her expanded responsibilities and the valuable role she plays in supporting the department's daily operations. In her enhanced role, Allyson will assist with budgeting, grant administration, capital projects, procurement, project coordination, and departmental planning while continuing to provide exceptional support to residents, staff, and community partners.

Congratulations, Allyson, on this well-deserved promotion!

Claudette Perry – Office Administrator

Congratulations to Claudette on her promotion from Administrative Assistant to Office Administrator for the Department of Public Works! In her new role, Claudette will provide administrative support across the Department's divisions, helping coordinate daily operations, support financial and payroll processes, maintain departmental records, and serve as a key point of contact for residents and staff.

We congratulate Claudette on this well-deserved promotion and wish her continued success in her new role!

Farewells:

Shane O'Brien – Town Planner

As Shane begins a new chapter, we'd like to thank him for his service and dedication as the Town Planner. Throughout his time with the Town of Bridgewater, Shane played an important role in supporting planning initiatives and helping shape the community's future.

We appreciate his contributions and wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Good luck, Shane!

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Birthdays and Milestones: Celebrating Our Team:

It's your month to celebrate! Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating this month. We appreciate everything you contribute each day and are grateful to have you on the Bridgewater team. Wishing you a fantastic birthday and a year filled with happiness and success. Billy Y., Matthew F., Michelle G., Spencer P., Jeffrey G., Steven S., Neil Harrington., Tina L., Debbie W., Katie M., Raymond W., Ann H., Jason R., Carlos G., Josh M., Joseph P., and Theodore B.



Join us in recognizing the employees celebrating service anniversaries this month. Your commitment, professionalism, and contributions over the years have made a meaningful difference to our organization and community. Congratulations on this milestone! David M., Justin C-D., Teresa G., Carl N., Chris C., Michael R., Tara C., Peter B., Austin A., Lawrence B., and Katie M.

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