



**TOWN MANAGER'S
OPERATIONAL REPORT
JUNE 6TH, 2025**



June 21st Election for an Override

The Town will have an election on Saturday, June 21st to vote on the budget override. The voters are being asked to authorize an additional \$8,008,272.33 above the Proposition 2 ½ amount the Town can raise to fund various expenses that are not funded in the FY2026 budget. We have developed a page on the Town's website to provide residents with information about the override, and public meetings will be held on June 6th at the Senior Center and June 10th at the High School to review the details and answer questions. The bulk of the override question will provide the Bridgewater-Raynham school district with the amount of funds that the Town is not able to cover in its FY2026 budget (\$6,034,614.95) which was certified by the School Committee. The balance of funds will be utilized by the Town to restore Town positions and expenses cut from the FY2026 budget, provide \$500,000 to increase repair of Town roads, and fund the addition of various positions that the Town believes are important public services, primarily in fire, police and the library.

ADA Plan

All communities are required to have an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-evaluation and transition plan. This plan reviews identifies all barriers to accessibility to public buildings for people with disabilities and identifies the changes that need to be made to eliminate these barriers. It is also a requirement to be in place to be eligible for various grant opportunities. The Town has selected Bureau Veritas from the proposals submitted by six firms, and their work is underway. The first phase of the project will be to investigate and identify any barriers in all our public buildings and develop the plan, which should take approximately 90 days. A second phase will review the Town's policies and website for any barriers that may be present in these, which will happen at some point in FY2026.

Hanson's Farm

The conservation restriction which is necessary to acquire the development rights to this farm has been approved by all parties and it will be recorded at the Registry of Deeds shortly. The project will be paid for by a \$3 million State Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant awarded to the Town for this purpose, is being matched with \$32,138 in CPA funds on the property which is a requirement of using community preservation act (CPA) funds for the acquisition. The project will wrap up by June 30, 2025.

Library Building Assessment

The Town awarded a contract to Drummey Rosane Anderson, Inc. (DRA) for this project, and that work is underway, with the draft report due shortly for the Town's review. The project is designed to take a comprehensive look at the required upgrades and improvements to the



library building, including site review, drainage, parking, building envelope, windows and doors, roofing, HVAC systems, electric and plumbing, water and sewer service, and energy. The assessment will provide a comprehensive roadmap for a robust improvement plan. The Town Manager and Library Director have already worked with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners to formulate a strategy for future grant funding, and the assessment will be the first step in a year's long effort to improve the Bridgewater Public Library.

Municipal Electricity Aggregation

The Town's application to the State to approve our plan to go out to bid on behalf of all electricity users in Bridgewater to obtain more competitive pricing for electricity was approved late last year. We have selected three different options to offer more competitive pricing than National Grid currently offers for its "basic service rate", as well as two other options that have a higher amount of energy derived from renewable sources, should residents opt to choose them. We have sought pricing on several occasions, but it has not been as competitive as we expected. Once bids are received and we determine that for at least the basic service rate, all rate payers would pay less than they are paying today, and we will contract with that new supplier. All electricity account holders will be automatically "opted in" to the program unless they have previously chosen another supplier on their own. If a user wants to opt into the options with more renewable energy, they will have the ability to do so. Once the program is ready to launch every account holder will receive a mailing about the options, and we will have public information sessions as well to help answer questions. In all cases, National Grid will still be responsible for maintaining the distribution system, and in the event of a power outage, they will still be responsible for restoration, regardless of what company supplies the power. The goal is to save our residents money at no cost by the Town to do so. It is anticipated that we will need to wait until later in 2025 to obtain competitive pricing.

Town River Landing

The Town has had as a goal the erection of a pavilion on this property to provide a space for various community events. The structure would be based on an existing bandstand structure in Abington. The Town received a generous donation from MacDonald Industries of \$20,000 for which the design was completed and Conservation Commission approval secured. Town staff have been working to obtain quotes to have the concrete pad for the structure installed and a trench dug to bring electrical service to the site. Unfortunately, the cost of this work far exceeds available funds, and due to that we have decided to put this project on hold until we can determine a path forward. Fundraising and/or additional town funds will need to be identified to pay for the concrete pad and obtain the materials for the pavilion structure. Once we do the plan is to work with Bristol Plymouth Regional Technical School to construct the multi-use pavilion structure on the concrete pad. B-P students will learn to read plans, how to plan a



project, what the building process entails, and how to construct. They will have access to the BTV building for bathrooms and a place to have brief learning sessions while on site.

Parthenon Friezes

The focus of this project is to hang the restored friezes (plaster castings of Parthenon scenes) in the Academy building. The walls where the friezes are intended to be hung is not designed to hold the weight of the pieces and must be rebuilt to accommodate them safely. DPW and Engineering worked with a consulting engineer to finalize the contractor's work specifications and obtained a proposal for \$4,600 to make improvements which was approved. When this work is done, the restoration company can return to properly hang them in their new location.

Stiles & Hart Renovation Project

The Stiles and Hart project is nearing completion. Two parking lots have been created, trails have been improved, wetland crossings have been constructed, and accessible fishing platforms installed. The Town Council appropriated \$1.3 million of CPA funds to complete the project, and that will be offset by a federal National Park Service grant of \$480,000. Some work remains to complete guard rail and sidewalk improvements along Broad Street. While the project was scheduled to be completed by the end of the year, the owner of a landlocked piece of property has balked at the town's use of the sewer easement over the property as a trail. The Town has obtained an appraisal of the value of this parcel and has offered to purchase the property at the assessed or appraised value or consider taking the property by eminent domain. Next steps include resolving the trail routing around the landlocked parcel to keep the project progressing, as well as finalizing a conservation restriction on the Broad Street parcel where one of the parking lots is located. Our ability or inability to resolve that issue is in no way delaying the completion of the project to meet our grant requirements.

Summer Street Park

The Town appropriated funds for the eminent domain taking of the property at 46 Summer Street (aka the old Mobil Station, Summer Street Park) which was accomplished in February 2023, after which the town engaged a landscape architect, to develop a site plan sufficient to apply for state PARC grant funding. The town was awarded \$500,000 from this grant to fund the completion of design and renovation of the property into a park. The architect has produced a final design on schedule with grant funding. BSU's financial commitment also needs to be documented. Ideally, no additional funds will be needed from the town's capital plan or additional Community Preservation funds, and we will work to determine that in the coming months.



Old State Farm Trail

Both the Town and the Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater (NRTB) applied for and received funding last year to develop a 1.8-mile trail along the Taunton River on land currently owned by the State Dept. of Corrections. After a long process, the easement to allow the trail and parking lots to be installed and was accepted by the Town Council and recorded at the Registry of Deeds. The Town had received a \$50,000 grant to pay for a portion of the work in 2023, that required a \$12,500 town match. The project has evolved in the last two years and fundraising by NRTB for some aspects of the work resulted in the Town needing an amendment to how the state grant is utilized for the project. That amendment has been approved, and we are in the process of finalizing an agreement with the contractor to construct parking lots. An engineer will also proceed with the conservation filings needed for the trail work. The NRTB has done excellent work to complete preliminary planning and involving BSU students in the process.

High Street Dam & Bridge Project

This multi-year project to remove the dam and replace the Bridge on High Street is complete. The Town identified some further drainage improvements adjacent to the project on High Street that became apparent when the initially planned work was taking place. One of the federal grants has been extended to cover the cost of that work which will be scheduled for 2025, well ahead of the grant deadline of February 2026. The Town was also awarded an \$11,000 grant from the State Dept. of Ecological Restoration to retain a firm to remove invasive plant species from the Town River in the area of High Street which will be completed by June 30, 2025. This will help ensure the health of the waterway into the future.

Board/Committee Vacancies

We would like to remind residents that at present the Town has 29 different boards and committees to which it appoints volunteers to serve to contribute their time and expertise to various functions and priorities of the Town. Included with this report is a list of all the committees which have openings, which at present number 23. More details on the mission of each committee can be found on the Town's website

at: <https://www.bridgewaterma.org/198/Boards-Committees-Commissions>

and residents who would like to apply to be considered for appointment may fill out the online application at: <https://www.bridgewaterma.org/FormCenter/Citizens-Advisory-Committee-9/BoardCommitteeCommission-Application-57>.



As spring continued to Bloom, the HR team remained focused on supporting departments, onboarding new staff, and fostering employee engagement across the organization. Here's a look at what we've been working on this month:

Welcoming New Team Members:



We are pleased to welcome **Michelle Gamble**, who joined the Health Department as an Administrative Assistant. Michelle brings valuable administrative experience and strong organizational skills, and a passion for public health to her new role. We're excited to have her on board and look forward to the positive impact she'll have on the department.

Employee Engagement



In May, we launched free yoga classes for employees in partnership with Maha Yoga. These sessions offer a great opportunity to unwind, recharge, and focus on wellness. Thank you to all who have participated so far.

We still have 2 classes left come join us!

MONDAYS

5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 6/2,
and 6/9

4:30 P.M.

COUNCIL
CHAMBERS

S.A.V.E. & Veterans Volunteer Service Program Update

Since launching in February, the 2025 Senior Associates Volunteer Experience (S.A.V.E.) and Veterans Volunteer Service programs have successfully placed 33 volunteers across various Town departments. These dedicated individuals are giving their time and talents in exchange for a reduction on their property tax bills—and they're making a real impact.

Volunteers have provided valuable support to the Senior Center, Parks and Recreation, the Veterans' Office, and the Town Clerk's Office, among others. Their contributions are helping departments stay on top of tasks and better serve the community. We're incredibly grateful for their service and commitment to Bridgewater. If your department could use an extra set of hands, we still have participants with hours available and a strong desire to help. Human Resources continues to coordinate placements based on department needs and volunteer skills.

For more information or to request a volunteer, please contact HRdepartment@bridgewaterma.org.



Celebrations and Appreciation:



We would like to extend our warmest birthday wishes to team members celebrating their special day in April. Happy Birthday to:

Joseph M., Michelle R., Daniel P., David B., Ryan S., Jason A., Laura M., Scott K., Christopher H., Daniel W., Matthew M., Sean C., James M., Ryan O., Scott B., Kenneth M., Claudette P., Gary S., and Robert B.,

We would also like to extend our congratulations to those marking work anniversaries this month. Thank you for your dedication and hard work, your commitment is truly appreciated! Spencer p., Christopher R., Robert C., Cade C., James B., Frederick P., Raymond W., Dan G., Tina L., Gary B., Nicole S., Elizabeth M., Michael H., and Michelle G.

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



Finance Departments Update – Laurie Guerrini/Finance Director

Accounting Operational Update

As we approach the end of the fiscal year, the Finance Department is especially focused on closing out the books accurately, preparing for audits, and laying the groundwork for next year's budget. These final months are critical to ensuring that taxpayer dollars are being used responsibly and that Town services remain well-funded and efficient. We appreciate residents' continued interest and involvement, staying informed helps strengthen the financial health of our community.

The team continues the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), outlining planned infrastructure, road repairs, maintained public spaces, along with investment in public safety and technology. These projects not only address immediate needs but ensure alignment with long-term financial objectives and community growth.

The Accounting and the Water & Sewer teams are actively working together with Raftelis, a local Government and Utility Management Consultant, on the Water & Sewer Rate Study, gathering information on the checklist. This ensures that future rates are based on accurate, data-driven decisions. The accounting team is working vigorously with each department in managing their operating budgets effectively. Providing support to all, not only in financial matters but also in areas such as grants, contracts, and procurement. These functions are interconnected, and the team ensures seamless coordination to address the needs of each department.

As always, we encourage residents to explore the financial documents posted on the Town website on the Budget and Financial Reporting Documents page.

Assessing Operational Update

The assessing department will be mailing out Fiscal Year 2026 confidential information request under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 S. 38D the first week of June and will be due within sixty (60) days of postmarked date.

When determining commercial and industrial property values, the Board must weigh financial as well as physical attributes. Completing and returning this form will help ensure the development of a sound basis to estimate the Income Approach to value. Please be aware this information will be used only to generate "market" income and expense levels for commercial and industrial properties. INCOME AND EXPENSE INFORMATION IS NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION and the office staff will take every precaution to prevent its disclosure.



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

The assessor's department committed motor vehicle excise 2025 commitment #3 to the collector on May 12, 2025, in the amount of \$ 275,730.25. Commitment #3 has an issue date of May 20, 2025 and a due date of June 19, 2025.

Treasurer/Revenue Collecting Operational Update

Fiscal Year 2025 Quarter 4 - Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bills were Due 5/1/25.

More than 7,700 Real Estate tax payments were received totaling approximately than \$14.3M for the quarter.

59% of payments were received electronically via mortgage and escrow companies.

17% of payments were received at Town Hall.

12% of payments were mailed to the Collector's P.O. Box.

12% of payments were made through the Town website.

More than 125 Personal Property tax payments were received totaling more than \$387K for the quarter.

97% of payments were mailed to the Collector's P.O. Box.

2% of payments were made through the Town website.

1% of payments were received at Town Hall.

The Town continues to offer in-person payment and an online option for payment with can be accessed with the following link: <https://www.bridgewaterma.org/310/Online-Payment-Center>

Our Finance team operates quietly and professionally behind the scenes each and every day, often without the recognition they truly deserve. I am especially proud of the strong work ethic and the collaborative, team-oriented environment that thrives within our Finance department.

This dedicated group of professionals remains highly motivated and committed to continually enhancing their skills and expanding their knowledge in municipal finance. Their efforts go far beyond spreadsheets and budgets—they interact daily with residents, vendors, banks, agencies, volunteers, and anyone who walks through the doors of our Town Municipal Offices.

Their dedication ensures the financial stability and operational efficiency of our town, and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and sincerely thank them for their unwavering hard work, professionalism, and service to our community.



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Fire Department – Objectives and Updates

Training:

SCBA Fill Station - All firefighters reviewed the operation and proper procedures for using the department's compressed air bottle fill station, located at Station 2. This system was purchased on a grant 2 years ago along with new sets of self-contained breathing apparatus. Each bottle is filled with 4500 PSI and the system can fill up to three bottles at once.



Airboat Training - All firefighters had the opportunity to participate in training with the department's new airboat. The new airboat was delivered last month and is replacing the 1991 Panther Airboat that has served the department faithfully for 34 years. The airboat is an indispensable piece of equipment for the Bridgewater Fire Department due to the unique characteristics of Lake Nippenicket, the lake is very large, but also very shallow with many underwater obstructions. The airboat's design allows us to use this

piece of equipment for water/ice and even Swamp rescues, and it provides an excellent platform for SCUBA Dive Rescue operations.

Rope Rescue: Operational Level (5/12 - 5/15/25) – FF Kevin Gunnarson, FF Ryan Malone & FF Joe Matrisciano attended this 32-hour course hosted by the Department of Fire Services at the Fall River Training Academy. The course meets or exceeds the NFPA 1006 standard while providing students with ample time to learn basic skills and fundamentals while working in low-angle and high-angle environments. Topics include equipment such as rope, webbing, harnesses, descent control devices, and belay devices, as well as skills such as anchoring methods, rappelling and ascending, lowering and hauling systems, mechanical advantage systems, patient packaging, and the setup and use of the Arizona Vortex in the NFPA G rated configurations.

Metro Boston Fire Conference (5/17 & 5/18/25) – Deputy Chief Grafton, Lt. Thomas Luckman, III, FF Hamilton, FF Ryan Malone, FF Joe Matrisciano & FF Michael Sullivan attending the Metro



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Boston Fire School Conference. The conference was held in Foxborough and included a lecture series and practical training.

Community Engagement/Events:

- Bridgewater Girls Softball Opening Day Parade (4/27/25) – We led the Bridgewater Girls Softball Opening Day parade with Engine 1. We hope they had a great day & season ahead!

- Fire Truck Ride to School (4/28/25) – We had a Fire Truck Ride to School with Payton, Landon & Mason! Lieutenant Jeff Germaine, Firefighter Ryan Connolly and Firefighter Dan Preach picked them up in Engine 1. They were the lucky winners of a raffle prize & we hope they enjoyed it!

- Purple Heart Flag Raising Ceremony (5/1/25) – Many of our members attended the Purple Heart Flag Raising Ceremony held in front of the Academy Building. Thank you to Greg Martin, the Veteran's Agent, for inviting us to be a part of this event!

- Bridgewater Lions Club - Youth Fishing Derby (5/3/25) - 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!

- Move for Mental Health (5/3/25) – FF Ryan Forant, FF Kevin Gunnarson, FF Chris Hamilton & FF Joe Matrisciano participated in a fundraiser for the Plymouth County Critical Incident Stress Management Team (CISM). CISM provides mental health support to our Firefighters during times of crisis. Our Firefighters participate in a team workout at Bridgewater Fitness Center. Great job guys!

- Spring Concert Featuring Neon Trees at BSU (5/3/25) – FF James Bunker, FF Conor Cunningham, FF Mike Farias, FF Brian Lundstedt & FF Donald Sweetman worked the BSU Spring Concert held at the Shea-Durgin Parking Lot. Our Firefighter/Paramedics were available for emergency medical services & fire protection.





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- Swearing in Ceremony – Chief John Dzialo (5/5/25) – Deputy Chief Glen Grafton attended the swearing in ceremony for Chief John Dzialo, East Bridgewater Fire Department. Congratulations to Chief Dzialo! We look forward to working with you!
- Men's Breakfast at the Senior Center (5/8/25) – Deputy Chief Glen Grafton, Lt. Sean Peters & Lt. Thomas Luckman, III attended the men's breakfast at the Senior Center. Thank you to the Senior Center for inviting us! We really enjoyed the conversations that we had with many in attendance!
- Move with Me Event – Easter Sales (5/17/25) – Bridgewater Fire participated in the Easter Sales Move with Me Event. Firefighters Chris Macone & James Reidy were at the event with Engine 3. Thanks for inviting us to be a part of this community event!
- 2025 MDA Softball Tournament (5/17/25) – A group of our Firefighters participated in the Annual Brockton Firefighters MDA Softball Tournament. The tournament was held at the BRRHS fields and had the highest turnout and number of teams ever! It was a great day & for a great cause! Thank you to Brockton Firefighters Local IAFF 144 for putting together this tournament each year!
- Memorial Day Parade (5/26/25) – 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 members who volunteered their time! Thank you to our CERT Team for volunteering during these community events!

Upcoming Events:

- 2025 BFit Heroes Cup (6/6-6/8/25) – New England Sports Center, Marlborough
- 3rd Annual Bridgewater First Responder Day 2025 (6/21/25)
- Firefighter Sunday & First Public Safety Mass (6/22/25)
- 2nd Annual BFFA Local 2611 Bridgewater Fire Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser (6/28/25)



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220 Pleasant Street
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Events and Public Outreach

- On Monday, May 5, we held a command staff meeting.
- On Monday, May 5, members of the command staff attended the Plymouth County Police Chiefs legislative meeting.
- On Tuesday, May 6 and Wednesday, May 7, Chief Delmonte attended the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission annual planning session.
- On Wednesday, May 7, the department hosted the graduation ceremony at Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School for our 3rd Criminal Justice Program. Students meet monthly and are instructed by our officers on various police related topics. Officer Nicole Sheehan and School Resource Officer John Pestana coordinate this well-received and rewarding program for students.
- On Monday, May 12, we attended a Town department head meeting.
- During the week of May 12, our Executive Officer Lt. Hile attended the Martha's Vineyard Law Enforcement Council annual Command Training Conference.
- On Thursday, May 15, Chief Delmonte attended a meeting of the State 911 Commission.
- On Saturday, May 17, members of the department assisted the Town's Veterans Services annual cemetery flag replacement exercise.
- On Saturday, May 17, the department assisted the East Bridgewater Police Department with a dedication ceremony to fallen East Bridgewater Police Officer Albert Saccocia.
- On Wednesday, May 21, School Resource Officer John Pestana provided official transportation to two lucky elementary school students.
- On Thursday, May 22, Chief Delmonte attended the general business meeting of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association.
- On Thursday, May 22, the Town's designated contractor conducted an accessibility audit of the station.
- On Sunday, May 25, several officers participated in the 5 mile / half-marathon of Boston's Run To Remember. Lt. Chuilli represented the department on the Tribute Mile.
- On Monday, May 26, the department provided security and traffic control for the Memorial Day Parade. The event was coordinated with Veterans Services by Lt. Hennessey.
- On Wednesday, May 28, we held a department staff meeting with all command and supervisory staff members.



The Building Department
Monthly Statistics
April 26, 2025, through May 29, 2025

From April 26, 2025, through May 29, 2025, the Building Department saw a total of \$83,706.42 in revenue associated with the following:

Building Permits reviewed and issued – 106
Building Inspections performed – 124
Electrical Permits reviewed and issued – 77
Electrical Inspections performed – 161
Gas Permits reviewed and issued – 20
Gas Inspections performed – 34
Plumbing Permits reviewed and issued – 33
Plumbing Inspections performed – 57

| | Permits | Inspections | Fees |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| Building | 106 | 124 | \$62,630.74 |
| Electrical | 77 | 161 | \$14840.68 |
| Gas | 20 | 34 | \$1,770.00 |
| Plumbing | 33 | 57 | \$4,465 |



Public Works

Engineering | Roadways 151 High Street
Water | Sewer 25 South Street
Transfer Station 1200 Bedford Street

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

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

The month of May continued with the various work activities that were started in April across all the DPW Divisions, focusing on public safety related maintenance work on the town's roads, water supply, sanitary wastewater collection and treatment (including the upgrade work that continues at the Morris Ave Wastewater Treatment Plant for Nitrogen Treatment; and we have selected the firm of AECOM to assist the town with the Phase II Design work at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for phosphorous removal/treatment), repairs and replacement of water main and service line breaks at several locations; Highway Division's repair of countless potholes on several roads, as well as mowing roadsides and town cemeteries; providing traffic controls for the Memorial Day Parade, kudos the Highway Superintendent, Paul DeCosta for organizing and managing the traffic controls for a safe parade participation by our veterans and town residents. The work on Flagg Street continues and we expect that to be completed by early fall season. Work on South Street (from Central Square to Crescent Street) sidewalk, milling and paving of the roadway is slated to start by the third week of June, and work on Winter Street is also expected to commence late summer/early fall. Additionally, work on a shared street grant with the University is also slated for this Summer. And discussions are at the preliminary level on exploring ways to improving parking at the rear parking area at the Senior Center.

The Engineering Division continues to move the town's technical level of operations to an enviable and admirable level, focusing on creating digital as-built record data for the town's water, sewer, and storm drain infrastructure, along with safety audit and planning for several dams around the town. The development of the digital as-built record plans will facilitate future infrastructure management and development/improvement work. The Division also provides technical review assistance to the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission for several projects.

The Facilities Division has been very busy during the month with numerous HVAC repair and service work management at the Municipal Office Building (aka the Academy Building), and the Police Department, as well as undertaking the coordination of the accessibility assessment work at several public buildings by our consultants.

We truly appreciate the cooperation of the town's residents in managing their water consumption/use, as together, we will preserve and stabilize our fragile natural resources. We continue our efforts toward ensuring safe water levels in the water towers at Great Hill and Sprague Hill for firefighting capability of the Fire Department. One bit of good news is that we have completed work on two new wells (replacement wells 5R and 9R) and they are now online, which has allowed us to turn off well 10, thereby reducing the chances for the introduction of discolored water in the distribution system. However, well 8 has been taken offline for maintenance and service work, but we expect that to be a relatively short period before it comes back online.



Health Department: 5/1-5/30

Septic:

Final review- 1016 South Street
D- Box inspection- Bramblewood Drive
Final inspection- 23 Magnolia Way
Bottom hole/final inspection- 580 Broad Street
Percolation test- 1155 Plymouth Street
D- Box inspection- 12 Bridge Street
Percolation test- 18 Aldrich Road
Bottom hole/final inspection- 50 Oliver Road
Full Day Percolation test- High Street
Plan review- 140 Grange Park
Percolation test- 500 Oak Street
Plan review- 905 Vernon Street
Plan review- 11 Hiawatha

Food Inspections:

Facility inspection for food service(school) – 792 Plymouth Street
New Business (Pre-operational) Tropical Smoothie CAFÉ- Broad Street

Completed Food Inspections:

VIVA LAKESHORE (3 Pools)- Pleasant Street
Waterford Village- Plymouth Street
BSU Pool- Park Ave



Parks and Recreation

The Little League Opening Day was held on a Friday night this year due to rain on the original scheduled date. The night event was met with positive reviews.

The Parks and Recreation Department has been busy all month keeping all the little league and softball fields ready for all their practices and games. The Little League fields and dugouts were supplied with mulch and fertilizer as appropriate. Daily checks for trash etc. are conducted to ensure that the fields are clean and ready for the teams. The Parks and Recreation team also power washed various buildings around Legion field.

The new storage container has arrived and will be storing various field supplies and equipment.

The Parks and Recreation Department has also received some special event field reservation requests for the summer months.

The Bridgewater Pickleball Association has begun their second season and are accepting new memberships.





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15 South Street

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April 2025**

New Library Card Registrations: 69

New items added to the collection & available to borrow: 665

Physical Item Check-Outs: 7250

Digital Item Check-Outs: 3477

Museum Passes Borrowed: 94

Visitors: 6177

Website Visitors: 8568

Computer Users: 370 sessions/220 hours

Library Programs/Attendance

Adult Programs: 60

Adult Attendance: 1301

Youth Programs: 25

Youth Attendance: 527



Upcoming Trainings, Services & Programs

June 2025 Schedule:

- Dementia Friends Workshop - Tuesday, June 3rd at 10:00 AM
- Alice's Memory Café - Thursday, June 5th at 10:00 AM
- At Home Hearing Healthcare: Hearing Clinic - Monday, June 16th from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Narcan Training - Tuesday, June 24th at 1:00 PM

These events aim to support the wellness, education, and safety of seniors, caregivers, and the wider community.

Community & Charity Initiatives

Holiday Giving – "Christmas in July"

In collaboration with The Ousamequin Club, Outreach Coordinator Kathy Hayes is identifying seniors to receive small gifts as part of this summer holiday initiative. We are thankful for the Club's ongoing generosity and community spirit.

Recent & Upcoming Events

Intergenerational Pen Pal Program: Our heartwarming exchange between 30 fourth graders and older adults concluded with breakfast and a ceremony at the Intermediate School. The incredible program was led by Maddie Jankowski, our volunteer and program coordinator.

Celebrating PRIDE Event

Thursday, June 5th at 12:00 PM

Town Manager Q&A: Override

Friday, June 6th at 10:00 AM

Father's Day Event

Wednesday, June 11th at 11:30 AM

TRIAD: Mock Trial

Tuesday, June 17th at 1:00 PM

Juneteenth Celebration

Wednesday, June 18th at 1:30 PM