

Bridgewater Massachusetts

Various Projects and Town-Wide Initiatives

Message from the Town Manager

As we begin our transition to Fall, I took advantage of the opportunity to communicate with the public via a podcast with Councilor McGrath, which is posted on BCTV's YouTube page HERE. In addition to meeting with residents during several public meet-and-greets, which included events at the Senior Center, Town Hall, and Cafe Madeleine. I appreciate the assistance of COA Director Riley, Veterans Agent Martin, and acting Executive Assistant Wahlstrom in coordinating these meetings, as well as the many residents who participated. It was a pleasure interacting with you and getting to know several of you a bit better. I plan to host additional events throughout the fiscal year, as I believe this is an effective way to communicate with the public. Please be on the lookout for future dates that will be posted on our website and Town social media page. The biggest takeaway I took from these meetings is that there are numerous concerns about our roads, funding opportunities to address many of the community's wants and needs, and concerns regarding overdevelopment, considering our water and wastewater infrastructure challenges. These are all important issues that the Town has addressed over the past several years, and we will continue to address them in the months to come.

At upcoming Council meetings, we will address water infrastructure challenges and opportunities to expand our water capacity. We will also discuss the funding available to the Town from Chapter 90 funds and our plan to maintain our road infrastructure. I encourage residents to remain engaged as we address the numerous issues that the Town is grappling with. Furthermore, as we have these presentations, we will ensure that we post the associated information on the Town Manager's page of our website.

At the same time, I believe it is prudent for me to continue emphasizing that many of the concerns and wants raised to me require funding. Without state and federal resources, the burden of these costs falls to Town residents, and to address the many challenges and issues we face, it will require not only funding but also time. This is something that needs to be highlighted, and as we develop our plans to address these issues, we'll have to highlight funding opportunities, challenges, and requirements associated with addressing these important issues.

During August's Council meetings, we highlighted the work being done within our DPW Department, including various paving projects. We outlined funding opportunities associated with the Town being an MBTA-compliant community. I highlighted that our team and I were exploring opportunities to address pedestrian issues in the common area. We also had a robust presentation on water and wastewater, click HERE for a link to the presentation, which informed the Council as it set the FY26 Water and Sewer rates. I encourage residents to review the documents and/or video associated with these Council meetings.

In September, we will be launching our refreshed operational update.



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Post Override Supplemental Budget

The voters did not approve the budget override on June 21st. Since that time, the Bridgewater-Raynham school committee has certified a new budget for FY26 that will require an additional \$849,529 from the Town, along with \$976,138 in capital expenditures that will be funded in the fall. The Town had 45 days from the date we received notice for the Town Manager to propose, and the Town Council to consider a supplemental appropriation to meet this budget. To meet the increased appropriation, I proposed utilizing \$450,000 from an employee liability stabilization fund, with the remaining amount to be realized through additional position reductions for this fiscal year. A memo outlining the proposed post override supplemental appropriation can be found here. The Town Council ultimately approved the post-supplemental appropriation at an August Council meeting.

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 competitive pricing than National Grid currently offers for its "basic service rate." We have sought pricing on several occasions, including late July; however, the pricing was not as competitive as we had hoped. Once bids are received and we determine that, for at least the basic service rate, all ratepayers would pay less than they are paying today, 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 outlining 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. In the event of a power outage, they will still be responsible for restoration, regardless of which company supplies the power. The goal of this program is to save our residents money at no cost to the Town, and to provide you with options to choose who your supplier is. In August, I held two meetings with our aggregation consultant to explore the market and assess the climate for executing pricing for our aggregation program. I anticipate that we'll have information over the next few months about the potential to execute an aggregation program.

Board/Committee Vacancies

We would like to remind residents that at present there are 19 Vacancies across 29 different boards and committees to which the Town appoints volunteers to serve to contribute their time and expertise to various functions and priorities of the Town. 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

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.



Human Resources Department

66 Central Square 508-697-0971 / HR@bridgewaterma.org

The HR team continues to support and celebrate our Town employees in many ways. This month, we've welcomed new team members, honored retirements, and shared appreciation for staff contributions. We're actively recruiting for key roles and proud to highlight the ongoing impact of our **S.A.V.E.** and **Veterans Volunteer Service** programs. From recognizing milestones to celebrating accomplishments, HR is committed to fostering a supportive, engaged, and valued workforce across the Town.

Welcoming New Team Members:



Katie Morrill - Finance Assistant

We are pleased to welcome Katie as the Finance Assistant in the Town Treasurer/Collector Office. In this role, Katie will be the first point of contact for taxpayers and customers—assisting with payments, inquiries, and day-to-day transactions. With strong organizational skills, a friendly and professional demeanor, and a commitment to excellent customer service, Katie will be an invaluable addition to our team.



Adam Salamone – Police Officer

We are pleased to welcome Officer Salamone to the Town of Bridgewater. Officer Salamone brings valuable experience and training from his previous department and will continue his commitment to serving and protecting our community here in Bridgewater.



David Hurd Jr. – Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

We are pleased to welcome David as a new Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator for the Town of Bridgewater. In this role, David will support the daily operations, monitoring, and maintenance of the Town's wastewater treatment facility, ensuring compliance with environmental and public health regulations. His work is essential in protecting our community's water resources and maintaining the safe, reliable treatment of wastewater.



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Tim Arego – Assistant Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

We are happy to welcome Tim as the new Wastewater Treatment Operator Assistant for the Town of Bridgewater. In this role, Tim will play a key part in supporting the daily operation, monitoring, and maintenance of the wastewater treatment facility. From assisting with system checks and lab testing to helping maintain equipment and facilities, Tim will be an important part of the team that ensures our treatment systems run smoothly and in compliance with environmental and public health standards.

Retirements:



Jonas Kazlauskas – Water & Sewer Superintendent

Please join us in congratulating and celebrating Jonas on an incredible 22 years of dedicated service to the Town of Bridgewater as Water & Sewer Superintendent. Throughout his career, Jonas has been a driving force in maintaining, protecting, and improving the Town's water and sewer systems. His leadership, knowledge, and commitment to excellence have made a lasting impact on both the department and the community we serve.

Beyond his technical expertise, Jonas has been a trusted colleague, mentor, and friend to many. His hard work, steady guidance, and willingness to go above and beyond will be truly missed.

As Jonas begins this next chapter, we extend our deepest gratitude for his service and wish him all the best in the future.

Thank you, Jonas, for 22 years of dedication to Bridgewater!

Recruitment:

We are actively recruiting a **Water Handler**. Join us and be part of a team making a difference in our community!

If interested, please Apply Here





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



Thank You, Volunteers!

Since February, **36 S.A.V.E. and Veterans volunteers** have supported Bridgewater Town departments, helping improve services while earning a property tax reduction. We're grateful for their time, skills, and dedication!

Celebrations and Appreciation:



We're excited to celebrate our team members who marked another trip around the sun in August! Please join us in wishing a very **Happy Birthday** to: Maddy J., Christopher P., Brian H., Michael S., Meredith R., Kelly K., Billy L., Ryan F., Brad D., Scott H., Greg P., Eric B., Joseph M., Azu E., Christopher M., Nicole S., Jed P., Elizabeth M., Jolie S.M., David M., Michael B., Donald S., Marisa K., Craig N., and Marc Stephen H.

We'd also like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to those celebrating work anniversaries this month. Thank you for your dedication, hard work, and continued commitment—your contributions are truly appreciated! Matthew F., Eric B., Matthew M., Laura M., Amy B., Laurel C., Renee R., Ashley P., Nicholas M., Joshua M., Gino S., Brian L., Theodore B., Carolyn W., Katelyn O., John B., John F., Michael S., Ryan C., Sean C., and Daniel N.



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



Bridgewater Fire Department

22 School Street 508-697-0900 www.bridgewaterfire.org

Fire Department – Objectives and Updates

August 29, 2025

Annual State Ambulance Inspections - A representative from the Department of Public Health/Office of Emergency Medical Services comes once a year to inspect our ambulances. They are looking for safety issues, damage, cleanliness and that our ambulances are properly stocked. Our inspection, which was completed in July, was our best yet. This success is a direct result of our whole department working each day to maintain the trucks at a level that properly provides and protects the citizens and our own members.

Social Media Campaign – We launched a new social media campaign to help explain the operations of the Bridgewater Fire Department. We will be posting about our stations, apparatus, personnel and how they all fit together to provide our community with the highest level of service possible. We hope that these posts will help to answer some of the more frequently asked questions about our department.

Training:

• EMS Training (12 Hours) – This month our Paramedics participated in training for the following: Pedimate which is a securing device to safely transport infants from 5 pounds to 14 pounds, OneScope which is a video laryngoscope used during intubation, pelvic binder which is a medical grade belt designed to wrap around a patients pelvis for support, pain relief and if internal bleeding exists. They also trained in Advance Life Support and Basic Life Support Interface, glucometer device to measure blood sugar, Intraosseous (IO) access which is the process of inserting a needle directly into the bone to establish an IV and lift load and carrying patients via stair chairing. A total of 12 hours of emergency medical service training was completed by our Paramedics.



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Community Engagement/Events:

<u>Lieutenant Raymond D.</u> Wise Memorial Drive Naming & Ribbon-Cutting <u>Ceremony (BSU 8/12/25)</u> - We were honored to attend the Lieutenant Raymond D. Wise Memorial Drive dedication. Thank you to the Bridgewater State **University Police** Department for including us in this ceremony. Ray Wise was a Police Officer at BSU for 13 years, a respected leader and a great friend. You are truly missed!



 <u>Falmouth Road Race (8/17/25)</u> – Firefighters Chris Hamilton, TJ Nicholson & Mike Rosa ran the Falmouth Road Race on Sunday, August 17, 2025. They ran as part of a team that raised money for the Plymouth County Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team. CISM provides critical mental health support for first responders during times of crises. Strong work!

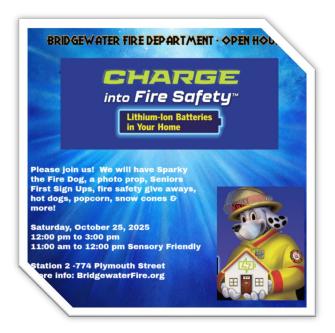


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Upcoming Events:

- 30th Anniversary SAFE Conference (9/17-9/18/25)
- Autumn Fest (9/27/25)
- Bridgewater Fire Department Open House (10/25/25)



Calls for January – July 2025:

								YTD
	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Totals
Fire	7	6	14	13	6	8	5	59
EMS	314	299	291	278	346	316	285	2129
False Alarm	46	45	46	55	63	80	83	418
Other	54	41	72	57	45	52	50	371
Totals:	421	391	423	403	460	456	423	2977



Bridgewater Police Department

220 Pleasant Street
508-697-6118 www.bridgewaterpolice.org

Events and Public Outreach

- 1. On Wednesday, August 6, we met with a representative of the Massachusetts Special Olympics to work on how we can support the organization more. As a result, we collaborated with Raynham PD to escort members of the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School team as they left for an out-of-state competition.
- On Monday, August 11, we hosted a civilian response to active threat training for residents. Detective Kevin Kearns and Detective Nick Chmielinski coordinated the training.
- 3. On Tuesday, August 12, we attended the dedication of the Lt. Raymond D. Wise Memorial Drive at Bridgewater State University. Lt. Wise was a highly respected member of BSUPD, and our former Parking Control Officer who left behind a legacy of professionalism, dedication, and mentorship for many officers.





4. On Thursday, August 21, we met with B-R School Superintendent Ryan Powers to discuss our School Resource Officer and safety for the upcoming school year.



Finance

Accounting | Assessing | Treasurer/Revenue Collecting Municipal Office Building – 66 Central Square

Accounting Operational Update

The Finance team has been busy! Our Finance Director and Comptroller recently attended the Division of Local Services (DLS) Finance Policy Workshop in Framingham, bringing back the latest best practices and updates from the state.

This summer, the Town Council voted additional post-override funding to the school district finalizing the Town's FY2026 General Fund Operating Budget along with the FY2026 Water and Sewer rates, helping to position the Town for a strong start to the fiscal year.

On the Accounting side, the team is gearing up to submit the Town's FY2025 annual financial reporting to DLS. Once reviewed and certified, we'll receive our official "Free Cash" certification (basically, the Town's available undesignated fund balance). That number will be shared with the Town Council this fall.

Looking ahead, our independent auditors will be on-site in the fall for the Town's annual audit and financial statements review. Meanwhile, Finance continues working alongside all departments on budgeting and long-term planning for some exciting projects including the New Fire Headquarters, Roadway and Drainage Infrastructure and Phase 2 of the Wastewater Treatment Facility improvements.

And because planning never stops, FY2026 Capital Improvement Planning kicks off in September. Each department will present its requests, and we'll help them refine ideas, check timelines, and get everything submitted.

Assessing Operational Update

The assessing department mailed out a second mailing for Fiscal Year 2026 confidential information request under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 S. 38D the second week of August and the completed form is due as soon as possible but no later than September 15, 2025.

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.

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The assessor's department committed motor vehicle excise 2025 commitment #4 to the collector on August 5th, 2025, in the amount of \$ 229,290.56. Commitment #4 has an issue date of August 12, 2025, and a due date of September 11, 2025.

The assessor's department committed boat excise 2024 commitment #2 to the collector on August 12, 2025, in the amount of \$1,545.00. Commitment #2 has an issue date of August 21, 2025, and a due date of October 20, 2025.

Treasurer/Revenue Collecting Operational Update

Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 1 Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bills were Due 8/1/25.

REAL ESTATE

More than 8,395 Real Estate tax payments were received totaling approximately \$15.6M for the quarter.

- 55% of payments were received electronically via mortgage and escrow companies.
- 19% of payments were received at Town Hall.
- 15% of payments were mailed to the Collector's P.O. Box.
- 11% of payments were made through the Town website.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

More than 243 Personal Property tax payments were received totaling approximately \$541K for the quarter.

- 61% of payments were mailed to the Collector's P.O. Box.
- 23% of payments were made through the Town website.
- 16% of payments were received at Town Hall.

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

More updates to come as the year unfolds but in the meantime, THANK YOU to residents, staff, and the Council for staying engaged and supporting the Town's financial health.

Accounting Contact Information Assessing

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Accounting

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Treasurer/Revenue Collecting

https://www.bridgewaterma.org/1483/TreasurerRevenue-Collecting

Phone: 508-697-0923

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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 August saw a continuation of the various work activities and projects that were started in previous months across all the DPW Divisions, focusing on public safety related maintenance work on the town's roads, water supply, sanitary wastewater collection and treatment (including the upgrade work that continues at the Morris Ave Wastewater Treatment Plant for Nitrogen Treatment; and 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, including the replacement of two hydrants; AECOM, the Engineering Firm hired to provide the design and evaluation services for the Phase II treatment upgrade focusing on phosphorous treatment has mobilized and started their work. The Highway Division's repair of countless potholes on several roads, as well as mowing roadsides and town cemeteries; trimming of trees; painting crosswalks and pavement markings for traffic control remain on-going.

Ramco Construction Company of West Bridgewater has been selected as the successful qualified bidder for the High Street drainage rehabilitation work, and they have mobilized and started work on the project. We expect the work to be substantially completed by December 2025.

South Street sidewalk and roadway pavement resurfacing work from Central Square to Crescent Street has been successfully completed.

Our Water and Sewer Division Superintendent, Jonas Kazlauskas retired effective August 13th after a stalwart career and service to the Town. We thank Jonas for his tireless commitment and devotion to the welfare of the Town of Bridgewater. Given his resourcefulness and institutional knowledge, we have asked him to stay on as a part time employee/consultant to help with the transition to a new Division leadership. We have begun the process of interviewing permanent full-time Superintendents for the Water and Sewer Divisions respectively.

Two new employees have been hired to fill two open wastewater operators positions in the Sewer Division. We welcome Dave Hurd and Tim Arego!

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

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The Water Division continues to very closely monitor our water supply levels in the active wells and encourage residents to manage their outside water use so that the necessary safety operating levels of the water towers are maintained. We continue or preliminary discussions with other source suppliers in hopes of improving and supplementing our water supply.

The Facilities Division has been very busy during the month with numerous maintenance and service work management across several public buildings.

We thank the Human Resources Department for their tireless efforts in seeking and interviewing water and sewer operators to fill vacant positions that would shore up the operations of the Divisions.

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. The engineering design and evaluation work for connecting wells 10A and 10B to the High Street Water Treatment Facility is fully underway and we anticipate the physical work to commence early next, with the goal of achieving the physical connection by early 2027.

The Town Council has approved the new water rates that are slated to take effect in September. The new rates would help with funding several needed capital improvements to our aging water infrastructure.



Building Department 66 Central Square | 508-697-0904

The Building Department Monthly Statistics July 25, 2025, through August 31, 2025

From July 25, 2025, through August 31, 2025, the Building Department saw a total of \$102,271.75 in revenue associated with the following:

Building Permits reviewed and issued – 131 Building Inspections performed – 113

Electrical Permits reviewed and issued – 66 Electrical Inspections performed – 245

Gas Permits reviewed and issued – 20 Gas Inspections performed – 33

Plumbing Permits reviewed and issued – 34 Plumbing Inspections performed – 66

	Permits	Inspections	Fees
Building	131	113	\$ 76,849.75
Electrical	66	245	18,042.00
Gas	20	33	2,400.00
Plumbing	34	66	4,980.00

The Building Inspector, Electrical Inspector along with the Fire Department Safety Officer performed annual inspections of Bridgewater Schools prior to the start of the new school year.



Health

Municipal Office Building – 66 Central Square 508-697-0921

Health Department Operational Report: 8/6/25-8/29/25

Septic:

D Box replacement- 265 Pine St.

D Box replacement- 357 Vernon St.

D Box/Tank replacement- 1554 Old Pleasant St.

Percolation test- 141 Spruce St. Percolation test- 82 Concetta Dr. Percolation test- 200 Grange Park Percolation test- 80 Laurie Ln.

Bottom hole/final inspection- 54 Grange Park Bottom hole/final inspection- 437 North St. Bottom hole/final inspection- 215 Whitman St.

Plan Reviews:

477 Cherry St.45 Orange St. (COC)60 Oldfield Rd.10 Lilac Ln.

29 Saddle Dr. 557 Old Forest St.

Well Reviews: 60 Copperfield Dr. 128 Longview 25 Holly Ln.

Housing:

Viva at Lakeshore- Inspection of habitability

Mt. Prospect- Complaint of trash causing nuisance. Investigation completed.

Food inspections:

Dunkin Donuts- 171 Broad St., 755 Bedford St., 955 Pleasant St.

Restoration Coffee Mobile Food Truck- Just the Dip, BSU Bear Bites

Pool Inspections:

High Pond Estates Residence Inn Hotel

Stone Meadow



Bridgewater Public Library 15 South Street

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BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY MONTHLY STATISTICS SUMARY June 2025

Bridgewater Public Library – July 2025 Operational Update

Monthly Statistics – July 2025	Count
Category	
New Library Card Registrations	109
New Items Added to Collection	599
Physical Item Check-Outs	9,052
Digital Item Check-Outs	3,824
Museum Passes Borrowed	129
Visitors	6,878
Website Visitors	9,852
Computer Users	430 sessions /
	2,284 hours
Adult Programs	15
Adult Attendance	263
Youth Programs	38
Youth Attendance	556
Total Programs	53
Total Attendance	819

Year-over-Year Comparison – Fiscal Year 2024 vs 2025

Category	FY25	FY24	% Increase
Total Circulation	119,083	108,532	~10%
Interlibrary Loan	136,869	125,446	~9%
Out			
Visitors	66,349	63,063	~5%



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Reference	7,831	7,664	~2%
Transactions			
Programs	644	592	~9%
Program	20,974	16,929	~24%
Attendance			

July was a vibrant and engaging month for the Bridgewater Public Library, marked by the energetic launch of both our Adult and Children's Summer Reading Programs. These initiatives brought the community together through a diverse range of activities, programs, and contests that inspired readers of all ages. Our museum pass program saw especially high demand, with the Massachusetts State Parks passes among the most borrowed. These passes provided free parking at some of the Commonwealth's most popular summer destinations, including the much-loved Horseneck Beach. While the month was filled with community engagement and growth, it also brought significant change.

We bid farewell to our Library Archivist, Karen Urbek, whose dedication and expertise were invaluable to our team. With the decision to eliminate this position upon her departure, we have taken the difficult step of closing the Library's Local History Room & Archive to the public. Although this decision was not made lightly, it reflects the ongoing need to align resources with the evolving priorities and sustainability of our services. Overall, July demonstrated the Library's continued role as a dynamic hub for learning, culture, and connection, while underscoring the importance of adapting to meet the community's changing needs.



Elder Affairs

10 Wally Krueger Way Elder Affairs – 508-697-0929

Bridgewater Senior Center Monthly Report August Highlights & September Preview

AUGUST IN REVIEW

The month of August was filled with exciting activities and community connections. We began with an engaging lecture from the Carroll Center for the Blind on how our eyes change with age. Mid-month, we hosted a Meet and Greet with Town Manager Justin, which had a wonderful turnout of 50 seniors and sparked some great discussions. We wrapped up the month with a lively Spirit Week, where each day featured a fun and different theme.





LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER

This September, we're proud to join senior centers across the country in celebrating National Senior Center Month — a time to honor the energy, creativity, and resilience of older adults in our community. The 2025 theme, "Powering Possibilities: Flip the Script," is all about changing the way we think about aging. It's about breaking stereotypes, embracing new opportunities, and showing the world that life after 60 is just the beginning of a new chapter — full of purpose, passion, and possibility.

Health & Wellness Programs

At Home Hearing Healthcare: Hearing Clinic Thursday, September 18th, 10am to 12pm



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At Home Hearing Healthcare offers free hearing screenings, hearing aid cleanings, and video ear exams. Interested in signing up? Call us! Limited appointments available.

Vaccine Clinic with Osco

Tuesday, September 23rd, 10am to 12pm

Shaws Pharmacy will be here to administer High Dose and regular flu shots, as well as other immunizations. (shingles/pneumonia/RSV and covid) All insurance cards, Medicare and all supplements should be brought in if receiving the shot. If you are interested in receiving a vaccine, please call to sign up.

Flu Shot Clinic with CVS

Thursday, September 25th, 11am to 3pm

CVS will be at the Senior Center to administer Influenza (Flu) and Pneumococcal vaccines for seniors and town employees. If you are interested in receiving either vaccine, please call to sign up.

Special Events & Entertainment

Apple Picking with Scott

Tuesday, September 9th, 10am

Join Scott as he takes us to *The Big Apple* in Wrentham, MA & grab a bite to eat afterwards!

Dementia Friends

Tuesday, September 9th, 1pm

Do you know someone who repeats themselves or has trouble remembering? Kathy Hayes, Outreach Coordinator from the Bridgewater Cole-Yeaton Senior Center, is here to educate community members about what dementia is, what it is not, and actions you can take to support people living with dementia in your community.

TRIAD: Plymouth County DA

Tuesday, September 16th, 1pm

TRIAD in conjunction with Elder Affairs and the DA's Office will be hosting this Essential First Aid Training at the Senior Center on Tuesday, September 16th, 1:00pm. This is a FREE NON CERTIFICATION training. Space is limited.

We're looking forward to another month of fun, connection, and community support. As always, please call the Senior Center for event details or to register. The Center is always kept at a **comfortable temperature**, so if it's hot outside, come cool off with us! Enjoy the **air conditioning**, great **company**, and a **cup of coffee**. We're always happy to see you!