



# TOWN MANAGER'S OPERATIONAL REPORT JULY 4TH, 2025



### **Message from the Town Manager**

This is my last operational update, as my last day with the Town will have passed by the time you read this. My tenure with the Town ended on June 30<sup>th</sup>, and a new chapter begins with Justin Casanova Davis's arrival on July 1<sup>st</sup> as the permanent Town Manager. Welcome Justin!

I have very much appreciated the chance to lead the talented and dedicated staff that work for the community over the last 10 months. Over this period the day-to-day operations of the Town have gone smoothly, and several projects such as the acquisition of the development rights for Hanson Farm, an assessment of the Library, the undertaking of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-evaluation and transition plan have been completed or are underway as you'll read below. The Town is working diligently on improving its water system and putting together a plan for roadway improvements for the future. Although the budget override did not pass in June, the effort to inform the voters of town and school needs and hear their concerns about that has been valuable.

I wish the community well in the future, and I very much appreciate the opportunity to have led it over the last year.

### **Budget Override**

The budget override was not approved by the voters on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Since that time, the Bridgewater-Raynham school committee has certified a new budget for FY26 that will require an additional \$849,530 from the Town along with \$976,138 in capital expenditures. The Town has 45 days from the date we received notice (June 26<sup>th</sup>) for the Town Manager to propose and the Town Council to consider a supplemental appropriation to meet this budget. The other additions in the override question that were proposed for town operations, 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 will not go forward.

### **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 they will begin their work shortly. 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 Town has successfully completed the transactions necessary and has acquired the development rights to this farm. The project was funded by a \$3 million State Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant awarded to the Town for this purpose, is was matched with \$32,138 in CPA funds on the property which is a requirement of using community preservation act (CPA) funds for the acquisition. Some work by the Hanson family to develop some trails for public access is still in progress.

### **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 had received a generous donation by MacDonald Industries of \$20,000 for which the design was completed and Conservation Commission approval secured. Town staff has 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 finalizing 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 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 completion of the project to meet our grant requirements.

### **Summer Street Park**

The Town appropriated funds 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. We have retained the architect to finalize a design and generate precise cost estimates, which need to be completed later this spring. 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 have resulted in the Town needing an amendment to how the state grant is utilized for the project. That amendment has been filed, and we are awaiting approval. Once received the contractor we have identified will be able to move forward with construction of the parking lots, and an engineer will 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 largely complete with a few minor tasks such as loam & seeding that are being wrapped up. The Town has 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 around 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 summer gets into full swing, the HR team remains committed to supporting departments, welcoming new staff, and engaging in employee engagement throughout the organization. Here's a look at what we've been working on this month:

### Welcoming New Team Members:



We are pleased to welcome **Brian McMahon**, who has joined the Highway Department as a Tree Warden. As the Tree Warden for the Town, he will play a vital role in maintaining the health, safety, and beauty of the town's public shade trees. With a strong background in arboriculture, he will work closely with town departments, residents, and contractors to manage tree care, assessing trees, planting new trees, and ensuring compliance with local and state regulations. We're excited to have him on board and look forward to the positive impact he'll have in the Town.

### Employee Engagement:



In May, we launched free yoga classes for employees in partnership with Maha Yoga. These sessions have offered a wonderful opportunity to unwind, recharge, and prioritize wellness during the workweek. Thank you to everyone who has participated—and a special thank you to Leana for leading our classes with such energy and care!

### Staff Trainings:

The HR team continues to stay up to date on best practices, policies, and compliance through ongoing professional development. This month, team members completed the following:

- Preventing and Addressing Discrimination & Harassment in the Workplace
- Understanding AI

These trainings help ensure we're providing informed, effective support to all departments and employees across the Town.



### **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 **34** volunteers across various Town departments.

These dedicated individuals are generously giving their time and talents in exchange for a reduction on their property tax bills—and they're making a real difference.

Volunteers have provided valuable support to the Senior Center, Parks and Recreation, the Veterans' Office, the Town Clerk's Office, and the Bridgewater Public Library. Their contributions are helping departments stay organized, complete important tasks, and better serve the residents of Bridgewater.

We are incredibly grateful for their service and commitment to our community.

If your department could benefit from an extra set of hands, we still have volunteers available and eager to assist. Human Resources continues to coordinate placements based on department needs and volunteer skills.

To request a volunteer or learn more, please contact [HR@bridgewaterma.org](mailto:HR@bridgewaterma.org)

### **Celebrations and Appreciation:**



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

Robert R., Peter T., Ann Marie G., Courtney R., Paul D., James O., Michael H., Casey R., Jane B., Kenneth P., Lisa B., Brandon J., Jack H., Mike C., John P., Tara C.

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! Ann H., Lisa M., Matthew L., Robert G., Steven K., Kelly K., Merrie R., David B., Apryl E.

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](mailto:HR@bridgewaterma.org). Thank you for your continued dedication and support.



## **Finance Departments Update – Laurie Guerrini/Finance Director**

### **Accounting Operational Update**

The Accounting Team is focused on closing out the current fiscal year, preparing and analyzing revenues and expenditures for FY25 and projecting through June 30th. Preparing FY26 budget appropriations and actively working with department heads to ensure a smooth transition on July 1st when the new fiscal year opens for business.

This transition also includes welcoming a new Town Manager to the Town Manager's office as we continue to collaborate in our efforts to support financial operations and planning across all departments.

Continuing ongoing day-to-day operations, monitoring capital projects, grants and associated funding. We continue to work closely with the Treasurer Collectors office on cash flow projections tied to the many capital incentives.

As part of our commitment to transparency and open government, residents are invited to explore the Town's Budget and Financial Reporting Documents page for up-to-date financial reports and information. See <https://www.bridgewaterma.org/1434/Budget-and-Financial-Reporting>

### **Assessing Operational Update**

The Assessing Office made the FY 2026 Real Estate and Personal Property Preliminary Tax commitment in June to the Treasurer/Collector. The commitment included 7,599 Real Estate Bills totaling \$30,731,139 and 219 Personal Property Tax Bills totaling \$926,267.

Bridgewater's Property Tax Bills are issued under the quarterly billing system. Bridgewater had accepted the law regarding the quarterly tax payment system (MGL Chapter 59, Section 57C) in May of 2010. For communities that have adopted this system, property tax payments for the community will ordinarily be made on this schedule: August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1.

The first two installments with due dates of August 1 and November 1, are the preliminary tax installments. These are an estimated tax 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 if applicable.

The last two installments due February 1 and May 1 are the 'Actual' Tax, calculated after the new tax years property assessments are made and approved and a tax rate is set.



The Assessor's Office would like to remind applicants for Property Tax Exemptions that although FY 2026 Preliminary Taxes are being issued and will be due August 1 and November 1, this is not the time for filing exemption applications. Under MA General Law exemptions are applied to the third

and fourth quarter tax bills and as in year's past, we will start accepting applications in October 2025 for FY 2026 Real Estate Tax Exemptions.

The Assessing office is committed to continuing collaboration with Finance, Town Council and Town Manager in exploring options and resources for ways to provide broader savings opportunities for taxpayers.

**Information on Statutory Real Estate Tax Exemptions currently available can be found on the Assessor's webpage at [bridgewaterma.org](https://www.bridgewaterma.org). Also, on the website you can find the online payment center: <https://www.bridgewaterma.org/310/Online-Payment-Center>.**

#### **Treasurer/Revenue Collecting Operational Update**

Fiscal Year 2026 Real Estate and Personal Property Preliminary Tax Bills were issued during the month of June.

Preliminary Tax Bills are due Friday, August 1st, and Monday November 3rd.

**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 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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22 School Street

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### Community Events

**Firefighter Sunday** - Firefighter Sunday was held on Sunday, June 22, 2025, to honor all departed firefighters. The following Massachusetts Firefighter Service Award and Years of Services Pins were presented to:

- Firefighter Ryan Connolly – 10 Years
- Firefighter Matthew Fahey – 10 Years
- Firefighter Michael Sullivan – 10 Years
- Lieutenant Casey Florence – 15 Years
- Firefighter Christopher Hamilton – 15 Years
- Captain Thomas Luckman Jr. – 30 Years

Deputy Chief Grafton presented the Firefighter of the Year Award to Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Malone. 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 Malone!

**Lifesaving Awards** – Chief Schlatz presented Lifesaving Awards to the following: Captain James Leurini, Firefighter/Paramedics Andrew Frey, Kevin Gunnarson, Brandon Jorge & Donald Sweetman Jr. The award was in recognition of their courageous and lifesaving actions on the evening of June 16, 2025, where they responded to a call for a young child who was choking and unable to breathe. Their fast thinking and swift response allowed them to remove the foreign object from the child’s airway which resulted in the child regaining consciousness and their ability to breathe.

**First Public Safety Mass** – Our first Public Safety Mass was held on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Members of the Bridgewater Fire, Bridgewater Police and Bridgewater State University Honor Guard posted the colors. Members of the Brockton Firefighters Pipe and Drums participated. Thank you to Lt. Sean Peters for putting this together for the 3 public safety department in our Town! Thank you to Father Bill Devine for the wonderful service!





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### Training:

**Pediatric Trauma Training (6/10/25)** – Lt Sean Peters, FF Ryan Barratt, FF Andrew Daigle, FF Mike Farias, FF Andrew Frey, FF Brian Lundstedt & FF Ryan Malone attended the Pediatric Trauma Training held at the Carver Fire Department. The 4-hour simulation training was offered by Community Outreach Mobile Education Training in conjunction with Brockton Hospital EMS. We are so grateful for this amazing training opportunity!

**Parapet Ladder** - Groups were refreshed on the installation and operation of the “Parapet Ladder” set up for Tower 1’s bucket. Often commercial structures have an extended wall along the roofline, known as a parapet, that would prevent firefighters from exiting the bucket to get onto the roof; by attaching the brackets and using a roof ladder, we can extend the downward reach of the bucket. While this is useful for roof access, it also has application in below grade rescues and even water/ice rescues. Additionally, the brackets have a cradle to safely carry a “Stokes Basket” rescue stretcher, in the event we needed to remove a patient from an elevated position.

### Community Engagement/Events:

**Field Day at George Mitchell Elementary School (6/3/25)** – The Bridgewater Fire Department Community Risk Reduction Team joined the Mitchell Monsters for their Field Day. Before water balloons went flying, we reviewed the importance of Home Escape Plans & Exit Drills. We finished by helping the principals with their ice bucket challenge as a reward for the students’ booster-thon success. What a fun day!

**Guest Reader at GMES (6/3/25)** – Lt. Sean Peters was the guest reader, along with his son Connor. They read to Mrs. Hayward’s preschool class at the George Mitchell Elementary School. What a special treat during the end of the school year!

**2025 Boston Bruins Foundation BFit Heroes Cup (6/6-6/8/25)** – New England Sports Center, Marlborough – 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 two teams with players from Bridgewater Fire & Bridgewater Police. Our teams raised about \$5,000.00 that goes to the Boston Bruins Foundation. Proceeds from the event supports mental health initiatives and charitable causes within the first responder and military communities.

**Fire Truck Ride to School (6/9/25)** - We had a Fire Truck Ride to School with Charlotte & Lincoln. They were the lucky winners of a raffle prize & we hope they enjoyed it!

**Field Day at Williams Intermediate School (6/9/25)** – The Bridgewater Fire Department Community Risk Reduction Team attended the Williams Intermediate School Field Day. As part of the First Responders division, we teamed up with the Bridgewater Police to review important safety messaging: Working Smoke Alarms, Home Escape Plans & Exit Drills Save Lives. No field day is complete without some water balloons! Thank you for inviting us to be a part of this great day!



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**Fire Truck Ride to School (6/12/25)** - We had a Fire Truck Ride to School with Charles & Thomas. They were the lucky winners of a raffle prize & we hope they enjoyed it!

**TRIAD Monthly Meeting (6/17/25)** – FF Jason Anacki attended the TRIAD Meeting where they held an Operating Under the Influence Mock Trial presented by District Attorney Timothy Cruz. It was a great opportunity for the TRIAD group to view court proceedings in action. Thank you to DA Cruz!

**3rd Annual Bridgewater First Responder Day 2025 (6/21/25)** – The weather was scorching hot, but that didn't stop first responder agencies from coming together in celebration of First Responders Day. The networking on Saturday confirmed our commitment to first responder mental health. Thank you to the vendors and attendees for your support!



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## Bridgewater Police Department

220 Pleasant Street  
508-697-6118 [www.bridgewaterpolice.org](http://www.bridgewaterpolice.org)

### Events and Public Outreach

1. On June 3 & 4, we welcomed the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission on-site re-accreditation assessment team. The review was for our 3-year re-accreditation which was prepared by our accreditation managers Sgt. Matthew MacFadzen and Ofcr. Ryan Thayer.
2. During the week of June 2 and June 9 we attended several override information sessions. Lt. Scott Hile was on-hand for the question and answer sessions.
3. On Tuesday, June 10, Ofcr. Daniel Gibson and Ofcr. Daniel Nastari were recognized by Mothers Against Drunk Driving at their annual awards ceremony in Foxborough. Both received Outstanding OUI Enforcement Awards for their work above and beyond to keep our roads safe from impaired drivers.
4. On Friday, June 13, we attended the quarterly B-R Regional School District safety and security meeting.
5. On Saturday, June 21, we participated in the First Responders Safety Day on Spring Street. Ofcr. Adam McGrath was on-hand throughout the afternoon.
6. On Sunday, June 22, we participated in the First Responders Mass at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Ofcr. Chris Paze represented the department with posting of the colors.
7. On Wednesday, June 25, we hosted Cops For Kids With Cancer as they provided financial support for a local resident suffering from cancer.
8. On Thursday, June 26, we attended the quarterly Department of Corrections Community Board meeting at the DOC complex.





## June Operational Update

### During the month of June, the CED Office through the Director and Staff attended:

- Attended OCPC EDC and JTC meetings on June 4 and 5th
- Attended the Route 104 Corridor Study Stakeholder meeting
- OCPC Annual Meeting
- MBTA Advisory Board
- Bridgewater State University Leadership/Infrastructure
- Massachusetts Office of Business Development
- Grant Opening: FY26 Destination Development Capital (DDC) Grant Program

### The CED Hosted:

- Community Open House: Summer Street Park/Central Square Improvement (6/11)
- Lunch N Learn - AI training held on June 17th

### Other activities:

- Through MassDOT's VRU program, the Town will be receiving a RRFB to be placed at Plymouth St and Meadow Lane.
- Received grant funding of \$40,000 for update to Open Space and Recreation Plan
- update from EEA, expecting a Fall start to the process.
- CED Staff completed review of 70-88 Broad St Design Review Process



**The Building Department**  
**Monthly Statistics**  
**May 30, 2025, through June 26, 2025**

From May 30, 2025, through June 26, 2025, the Building Department saw a total of **\$58,590.60** in revenue associated with the following:

Building Permits reviewed and issued – 106

Building Inspections performed – 100

Electrical Permits reviewed and issued – 62

Electrical Inspections performed – 191

Gas Permits reviewed and issued – 11

Gas Inspections performed – 20

Plumbing Permits reviewed and issued – 27

Plumbing Inspections performed – 36

	Permits	Inspections	Fees
Building	106	100	\$41,917.60
Electrical	62	191	\$11,543.00
Gas	11	20	\$1,000.00
Plumbing	27	36	\$4,130.00



## June Highlights & Upcoming Events at the Bridgewater Senior Center

June was a vibrant and eventful month at the Bridgewater Senior Center as we proudly celebrated Pride Month, Father's Day, and Juneteenth with a variety of programs that honored our community's diversity, family connections, and shared history.



Pride June 2025



Father's Day 2025



Juneteenth 2025

The Bridgewater Senior Center is gearing up for a fun and festive July with a full calendar of events and programs designed to bring joy, connection, and enrichment to our community's older adults.

The Centers **Independence Day BBQ** will be on **Wednesday, July 2nd at 11:30 AM**. This annual favorite event will feature delicious BBQ, refreshing desserts and live music.

**Wednesday, July 15th at 10:30 AM**, we're hosting a **Virtual Tour of London**, where participants will explore the historic landmarks of Westminster—including a look at the Royal Guards on horseback, St. James's Palace, and Buckingham Palace.

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce **Senior Center Spirit Week**, taking place **August 25th–29th**, featuring themed days, special programs, and lots of surprises. Be sure to mark your calendars for our **End of Summer Bash on Wednesday, August 27th at 11:30 AM**, with entertainment, food, prizes, and more.

In addition to our regular monthly offerings, we're pleased to host two special programs this month:

### **At Home Hearing Healthcare Clinic**

**Thursday, July 17 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

At Home Hearing Healthcare will be on-site offering free hearing screenings, hearing-aid cleanings, and video-otoscope exams. No appointment necessary, just stop by between 10 AM and noon!

### **Attorney Thomas Clougherty – United Senior Advisors**

**Wednesday, July 31 | 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

Attorney Tom Clougherty will provide complimentary 30-minute consultations on long-term care planning, Medicaid eligibility, Veteran's Benefits, and asset-protection strategies. Whether you're just



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## Elder Affairs

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

beginning to plan or need to update your existing arrangements, Tom's expertise will help you make informed decisions.

As the warm weather approaches, we'd like to remind everyone that you are always welcome to stop by the Center during our regular hours to take a break and enjoy the air conditioning. Whether you're visiting for a program or just need a comfortable place to relax, our doors are open.

We are proud to continue serving as a trusted resource for health, wellness, and planning services that empower older adults and their families in our community. As always, we welcome residents to stop by, get involved, and see everything the Senior Center has to offer. For more information or to register for events, please call us at (508) 697-0929.



## **Health Department: 6/2/25-6/30/25**

### **Septic:**

Bottom hole/Finale Inspection – 70 Riverview

D-Box Inspection – 45 Heather hills

Bottom Hole/Final Inspection – 1706 South St

Plan Review – 18 Aldrich

Bottom Hole/Final Inspection – 15 Hiawatha

Bottom Hole/Final Inspection – 2 Plumfield

Plan Review – 115 Bayberry

Plan Review – 1155 Plymouth Street

Percolation test- 905 Vernon Street

Bottom Hole/Final – 18 Aldrich

Bottom Hole/Final – 2 Plumfield

Bottom Hole/Final – 501 North Street

Percolation Test – 0 Winter Street

Bottom Hole/Final – 1453 Plymouth Street

### **Housing:**

Viva at Lakeshore – Habitability Inspection Unit 1520

Complaint inspection – Axis at Lakeshore – Unit 3115

### **Completed Food Inspections:**

Williams Intermediate School

Bridgewater Middle School

Bridgewater/Raynham High School

George Mitchell Elementary School

### **Pool Inspections**

Kingswood Village



Bridgewater Public Library

15 South Street

508-697-3331 [www.bridgewaterpubliclibrary.org](http://www.bridgewaterpubliclibrary.org)

**BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MONTHLY STATISTICS SUMMARY  
May 2025**

New Library Card Registrations: 68

New items added to the collection & available to borrow: 707

Physical Item Check-Outs: 6634

Digital Item Check-Outs: 3712

Museum Passes Borrowed: 95

Visitors: 5452

Website Visitors: 8946

Computer Users: 364 sessions/221 hours

**Library Programs/Attendance**

Adult Programs: 36

Adult Attendance: 1019

Youth Programs: 23

Youth Attendance: 235



### **Parks and Recreation**

The Parks and Recreation Department has been busy throughout June with baseball, softball and basketball practices and games. Lots of maintenance activities are required to keep the fields thick and green. Whether it was mowing the fields or repairing the irrigation systems, we worked to ensure that the fields were in top shape.

Our fields are used by both youth and adult leagues. The Pickleball courts were also busy with use by the public as well as the Bridgewater Pickleball Association. Spring clean-up and summer preparations were also completed at Marathon Park. We have a few additional projects scheduled for July and August.

Special thanks to Bill Ford and Mike Ahearn, who were volunteers with the SAVE program and worked with us for the past couple months. We appreciate their efforts and hope to see them again next year.





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## Veteran's Services

66 Central Square | 508-697-0908

***Attention Bridgewater veterans, if you are facing financial difficulties, the Bridgewater Office of Veteran's Services may be able to help. Please call 508-697-0908 to discuss your circumstances and to get you aligned with the benefits and services you have earned.***

**Massachusetts Veterans' Service Officer Association Summer Conference** – In the first week of June, the Bridgewater Veterans Agent attended the annual MVSOA summer conference. This is a great opportunity for VSO's across the Commonwealth to convene, collaborate, network, share ideas, conduct training, engage with vendors, etc. Most of the 351 cities and towns were represented by over 200 attendees. The training was invaluable to the mission of the veteran's office.

**Veteran's Tax Work-Off Program** – We've now onboarded a total of 6 veterans to the tax work-off program and logged 33 hours in the month of June. This has been a tremendous benefit to the Veteran's office as it has allowed the veteran's agent to stay focused on helping veterans while other day-to-day issues can be addressed by volunteers. Some of these activities include picking up unserviceable flags from the fire department drop box and transporting them to the Veteran's Club where they are respectfully retired each June, ensuring that all deceased veterans have a flag at their gravesite and covering the office while the veteran's agent is away. We will continue the program through the end of the calendar year and welcome any veterans who are interested in joining the team.

**First Responders Day** – The Fire For Effect Foundation hosted a great event on June 21<sup>st</sup> to honor local military and first responders. We finally had a beautiful day of weather after 13 consecutive rainy Saturdays. The Veteran's Council set up a table and was there to share the story and the mission of the Bridgewater Veteran's Office.



*Veteran's Council at First Responders Day 2025. From left to right: Greg Martin, Tom Carson, Dave Siden, Mary Bogle, Jonathan Algarin and Tim Trocchio*

**Flag Day & Flag Retirement Ceremony** – June 14<sup>th</sup> marked Flag Day. On this day each year, the Bridgewater Veterans Club, in partnership with the local Boy Scouts performs a flag retirement ceremony. The ceremony was led this year by Veteran's Council Member Kate Anderson and was also attended by many other members of the veteran's council and the veteran's agent. Thousands of unserviceable American Flags were properly retired and destroyed. These include all of the flags that are dropped at the fire station drop box, the cemetery flags that are replace every year and the flags that are dropped at the Vets Club.



*Flag day 2025, flag retirement ceremony at the Bridgewater Veteran's Club*

**Chapter 115 Benefits** – Chapter 115 under Mass General Law ensures that veterans across the commonwealth shall never be without basic life necessities. The role of the town's Veterans' Services Officer (VSO) is to ensure these benefits are processed in accordance with the law. All honorably discharged veterans and their surviving spouses and dependents are eligible for these benefits based on an asset and income test. The Bridgewater Veteran's Office successfully processed all Chapter 115 cases in the month of June.

**Senior Center Hours** – The Bridgewater VSO has office hours at the Senior Center from 9am to 11am every other Monday. Please feel free to make an appointment or just drop in if you would prefer to meet at the Senior Center. The VSO can extend hours there on other days as needed.