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From the Desk of the Mayor

I saw a social media post the other day that congratulated us for making it to the "'ber months" – meaning back-to-school, cooler weather, fun holidays and football but for this summer-loving Mayor I'm a bit bummed to see summer fade. I'm happy to have my kids back to school though, with students at Hollis, East and the High School this year, Mike and I have a packed schedule and busy mornings ahead.

I'd like to take a moment to offer a special thanks to all of our summer employees who flood our parks with energy and supervision during the summer months. From running camps to staffing playground drop-ins, we wouldn't have been able to run these programs without your help and I am so appreciative. For teens who want to join us next summer, keep an eye out in January for announcements regarding summer employment opportunities with the Town.

I am also happy to share in this month's newsletter the events organized in celebration of Thayer Public Library's 150th anniversary this fall. The library is such a valuable resource that spans generations and the Trustees and Library staff have knocked it out of the park with planned celebrations – I hope to bump into you at some of them.

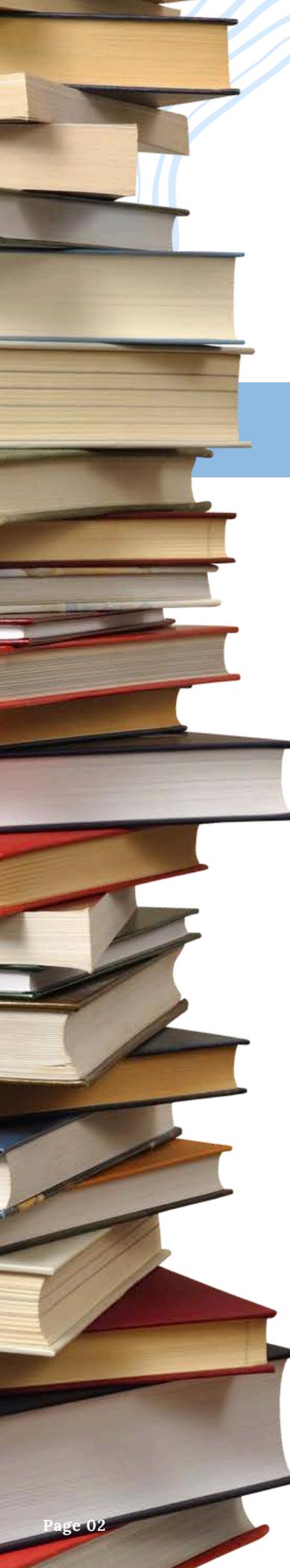
While my plans for September mostly involve spectating youth sports (Flag Football, Hockey, and Soccer to name a few) I also hope to make it to the last few weeks of the Farmers Market – Saturday markets thru October 12th – and especially to festivities on September 22nd which include Heritage Day at our Historic Society Campus across from Town Hall & the 2nd Annual Autumn Moon Festival hosted by the Chinese American Association of Braintree at French's Common!

With so much going on, maybe on second thought, I enjoy transition into the 'ber' months after all!



To reach out to Mayor Joyce directly,
please contact mayorsoffice@braintreema.gov
or call 781-794-8100.

Erin V. Joyce
Mayor of Braintree



THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Celebrating
150
YEARS
of Service to Braintree

Join us all month for a variety of celebrations!



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 | 6:30 PM:

Create your own Felted Owl with Instructors from Pop-Up Art School.

Details: Event for ages 13+.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 | 3:00 PM:

Library Birthday Party

Details: A celebration for all ages.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 | 6:30 PM:

Talk by Mary Frazier of the Braintree Historical Society;
Title: "From Battlefields to Bookshelves"

Details: Suitable for all ages.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 | 2:00 PM:

Local Food Trivia

Details: Hosted by Therapy Gardens and the Library.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 | 3 PM:

Musical Performance by Megan Bisceglia

Details: Renowned soloist will perform.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 | 3:00 - 4:00 PM:

Library Exhibit Viewing

Details: Explore the library's journey through the years with Library Director Terri Stano.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 | 3:30 PM:

Historic New England Program

Details: Educators will present on children's pastimes from long ago, with hands-on activities for ages 5+.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM:

Nostalgic Video Games Event

Details: Families can revisit video games from 1999. Registration required.



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | 6:30 PM:

Mystery Authors Talk

Details: Three successful mystery authors discuss strong female investigators in their series.



THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

Children's Room: Birthday Card Making

Details: Children are invited to create birthday cards for the library.

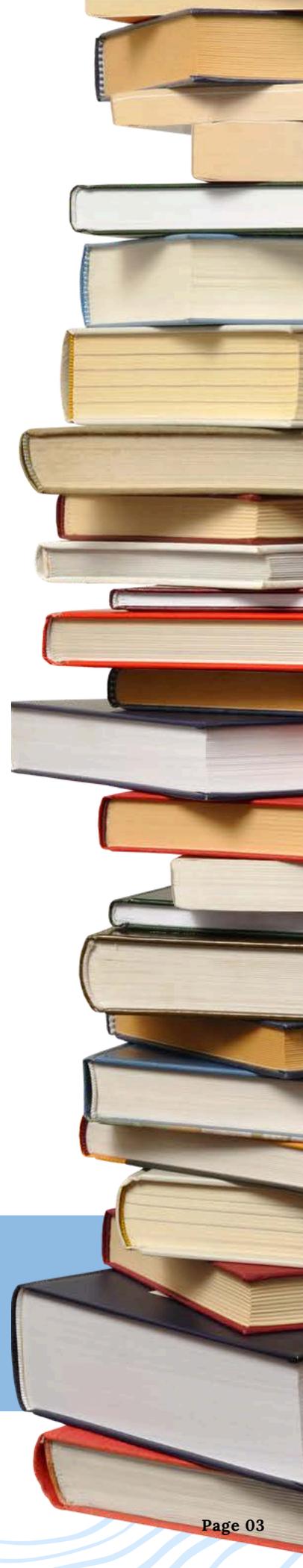


Community Board: Share Favorite Library Memories

Details: Visitors are encouraged to contribute their favorite memories.



For more information about the Thayer Public Library's 150th anniversary events, please visit www.thayerpubliclibrary.org or contact the library by phone or email at (781) 848-0405, x4417, referencedesk@braintree.ma.gov.





As we remember September 11th, we reflect not only on the profound loss but also on the resilience and unity demonstrated in the face of adversity.

It is a day to honor the bravery of first responders, the strength of survivors, and the enduring spirit of those who continue to live with the legacy of that day. Through remembrance, we reaffirm our commitment to peace and solidarity, striving to build a world where such tragedies are never repeated.

Please join us on September 11th for a Memorial Ceremony, 8:30AM at the Braintree Fire Headquarters.



Friday, September 20th marks the National day of remembrance for American Prisoners of War and Missing in Action (POW/MIA).

In Braintree, the Town acknowledges their sacrifices everyday by displaying the POW/MIA flag in front of Town Hall and displaying a seat of remembrance in our lobby – both symbolizing our unwavering commitment to bring back every missing service member and showing that in Braintree We Never Forget.

Join us on September 20th for a special ceremony at Braintree High School before the scheduled Braintree Wamps football vs. North Quincy Red Raiders kicking off at 6pm.

Screenagers: Elementary School Age Edition

Be on the lookout for a free screening (in Braintree) of the new movie, *Screenagers: Elementary School Age Edition*, tailored specifically for parents, students, and educators involved with elementary school-aged children.

The filmmaker, Delaney Ruston, is a Stanford trained physician and author who believes we can change the trajectory of youth mental health if we address the impact of screen time as early as possible.

Check out her book, *Parenting in the Screen Age: A Guide for Calm Conversations*. The book covers many topics, designed to help parents have calmer and more productive conversations with their children about the technology in their lives and its impact upon their health, happiness and development. <https://www.screenagersmovie.com/book>.



For more information, please contact the Braintree Community Partnership at partnership@braintreema.gov



Pictured above: Mayor Joyce (center), members of the Town Council, and members of the Department of Public Works recently visited the construction site of the new Tri Town Regional Water Treatment Plant.



The Tri-Town Water Treatment Plant is expected to be online January 2025. Learn more about the project on the newly established website at:

hub.tritownwaterdistrict.com 🔍

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT



Ever wonder how that “CPA Assessment” on your tax bill gets put to use?

CPA stands for Community Preservation Act and Braintree was one of the first communities in the state to adopt this important legislation. In place since 2002, Braintree has funded over 100 projects town-wide in the areas of affordable housing, historic preservation, open space and recreation.

CPA places a 1% surcharge on local residential and commercial property taxes with an exemption for the first \$100,000 of residential value and an additional exemption for low income households. Since 2002, Braintree has generated over \$13 million in local revenue matched by over \$5 million from a state trust fund. The Town anticipates that there will be over \$1 million additional funds to spend on eligible projects in the 2025 fiscal year.

The Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee, Dr. Peter Kurzberg, is a well known figure in Braintree and the retired Superintendent of Schools. Mark Preziosi is the CPC Vice Chair and a longtime champion of youth sports. Other CPC members include Marta Googins who skillfully represents the diverse housing needs in Braintree in her dual role as Housing Authority and CPC member. Darryl Mikami lends big -picture perspective as the Planning Board representative to the CPC. Diane Francis from the Conservation Commission ensures that projects reflect environmental priorities. CPC member Ron Frazier has a wealth of knowledge about Braintree’s history as a lifetime resident and longtime member of the Historic Commission. Member Maria Bonfiglioli plays a key role on the Committee as its one member at large.



Children enjoying the outdoor classroom behind the Morrison School

Recent CPA projects include the beautiful new basketball and pickleball courts behind the Daughraty Gym and the amazing work at the Armstrong Dam to re-establish the Monaquot River’s historic riverbed and create a public boardwalk. An outdoor classroom behind the Morrison School (pictured above) was opened for play in 2022. Seventeen units of permanently affordable rental housing were secured at Windjammer Cove. Under construction now is a complete renovation of Delorey Field at Watson Park. East Braintree Little League calls Watson Park home and the new field will enable them to host official Little League tournaments with full regulation dimensions and accessible facilities. The first pitch is expected in Spring 2025!

The Community Preservation Committee will hold its Annual Public Meeting on October 28, 2024 at 5 PM at Town Hall.

Members of the community are strongly encouraged to attend to learn more about the Community Preservation Act and to ask any questions or offer their ideas about the needs of the community.



BRAINTREE REC DEPARTMENT

9/16

Free trial classes for Code Wiz at Braintree Community Art Center (sign up at braintreerec.com)

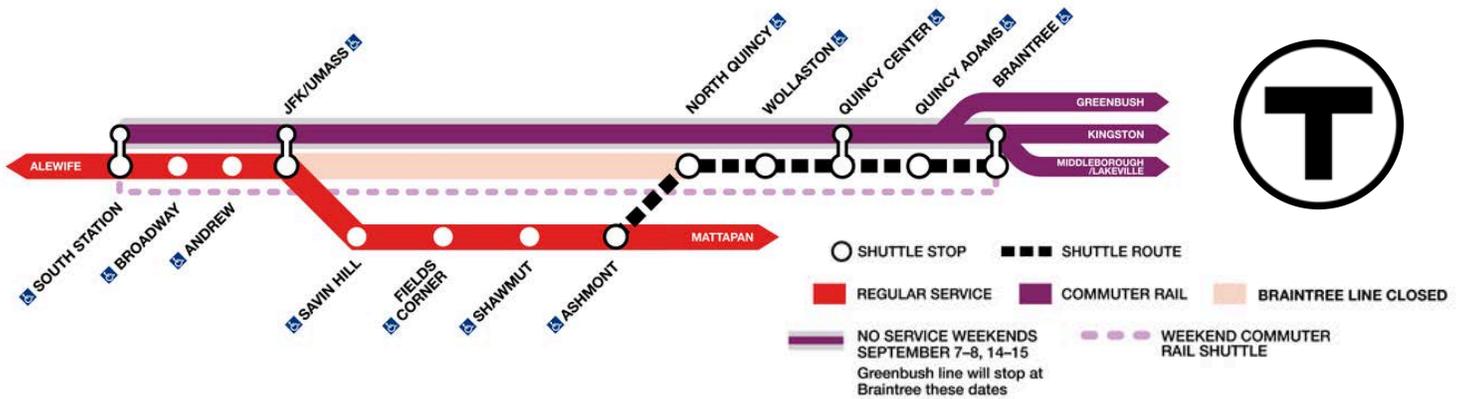
9/18

Bingo Night
6PM Cahill Auditorium

9/26

Half Day Field Trip
Treetop Adventures, Canton

Click [here](#) for more information about Braintree Parks and Recreation, or contact Chris Griffin at cgriffin@braintreema.gov



Red Line Service Suspension

Red Line Braintree Branch service will be suspended between JFK/UMass and Broadway every day for 24 days from September 6 to September 29. Kingston, Middleborough, and Greenbush Commuter Rail line trains, which run adjacent to the Red Line, will also be replaced with shuttle bus service between South Station and Braintree during the weekends of September 7 – 8 and September 14 – 15.

The important work will allow crews to repair 18 miles of track between JFK/UMass and Braintree, resulting in the removal of over 20 speed restrictions and improving round-trip Braintree Branch travel times by

as much as 24 minutes. These track improvements will also lay the groundwork for the MBTA's goal of raising current Red Line train speeds above current speeds where possible.

More information is also available through in-station signage and public announcements. Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff will be available on-site to offer information and assistance during these service changes. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on X (the site formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA for up-to-date service information.

New! Expanded Eligibility for Reduced MBTA Fares

The MBTA is expanding access to reduced fares for income-eligible riders. Eligible riders will gain access to half-off regular fares on Commuter Rail, Subway, Bus, Ferry, and The RIDE.

To learn more, visit:
MBTA.com/income-eligible



MEETINGS AROUND TOWN



**Conservation Commission
Monthly Meeting**
September 5, 2024, 7:00 PM
@Johnson Chambers

**Historical Commission
Monthly Meeting**
September 9, 2024, 5:00 PM
@See monthly agenda for location

Planning Board Monthly Meeting
September 10, 2024, 7:00 PM
@Cahill Auditorium

Public Shade Tree Hearing
September 17, 2024, 1:00 PM
@85 Quincy Avenue

Town Council Meeting
September 17, 2024,
7:30 PM - 10:00 PM
@Cahill Auditorium

**Weymouth-Braintree
Regional Recreation
Conservation District**
September 18, 2024, 7:00 PM
@Park Headquarters 470
Liberty St.

**Zoning Board of Appeals
Regular Meeting**
September 23, 2024, 7:00 PM
@Johnson Chambers

**Community Preservation
Monthly Meeting**
September 23, 2024,
5:00 PM
@Currently meeting virtually
via Zoom.

thank you

A sincere thank you goes out to
Frank Sullivan with Skinner Overlook
for donating a cleanup of East Middle
School and the courtyard gardens. With
our resources still stretched thin,
it's fantastic to have community
partners as part of our team.

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