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From the Desk of the Mayor

The countdown to Summer is officially underway and I know that students (and teachers) are looking forward to the well-earned break that summer brings. Our DPW Facilities team is eagerly awaiting empty buildings – so that we can get to work on the endless list of maintenance tasks and upgrades requested by educators and building administrators at all of our schools. As a mom, I'm starting to panic about how to keep three boys entertained. Mike and I will be leaning on bike riding and ride sharing to get our boys to various camps and activities and hoping they will explore playgrounds and fishing in this warm weather. Did you know that we worked with Mass Fish and Wildlife to get Sunset Lake back on their fish stocking list?! This Spring we were able to add some trout to Sunset Lake – happy fishing!

The month of May comes to an end with one of our most important Town celebrations – Memorial Day. As Memorial Day approaches, we are gearing up to host several events around Town and we hope that our residents will find some time to remember service members who lost their lives while protecting our country and our freedom. I will be joining our South Middle School students on Friday afternoon as they continue their annual tradition of honoring service members by retelling veteran's stories – an annual event led by South Middle School teacher Jimmy Joyce and performed by 8th grade students. On Saturday at 9am the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office will be hosting 'Flags of our Families' at their grounds in Braintree, remembering those who fought so bravely for us and lost their lives. I also invite everyone to attend our Town Memorial Day Ceremony on Sunday at 11 am at Blue Hills Cemetery. This solemn and moving ceremony is set within the Garden of Honor and is a wonderful way to feel the brevity of this day and to be amongst other residents, many whom are veterans themselves. We would love to see a great turnout – especially children in attendance – so please consider joining us. Thank you especially to the Ridge Family for continuing this tradition and offering your beautiful grounds at Blue Hills Cemetery for this remembrance.

Before signing off I want to raise your awareness to the Town's kicking-off of a School Master Planning effort in the months ahead. During this process we will be looking at engaging consultants to review Enrollment Projections, Programming Needs and Space Planning across all nine of our buildings. During our budget season this year – we have been talking about needing a forward-looking plan that deals with our financial challenges, our aging infrastructure, and continues to support the amazing learning our Braintree Public Schools provide. This work will be on-going all summer, so keep an eye out if you are interested.

Happy Maycember (iykyk) 😊

Erin V. Joyce
Mayor of Braintree



TOWN *of* BRAINTREE

MASSACHUSETTS

FY2026
Budget

Mayor Joyce presented her FY26 budget to the Town Council on April 29, 2025. Her budget focuses on funding level services and outlining our forward-looking investments into budget outcomes. To review the budget, click [here](#).

FY 2026: Responsible and Balanced Plan

- ✓ Maintains current service levels and ends cycle of cutting
- ✓ Does not rely on Free Cash to support operations
- ✓ Enhances presentation of budget and department information and data, including annual goals and performance metrics
- ✓ Provides multi-year forecast of operating revenue, expenses and budget balance
- ✓ Identifies future opportunities and challenges the Town faces for its finances

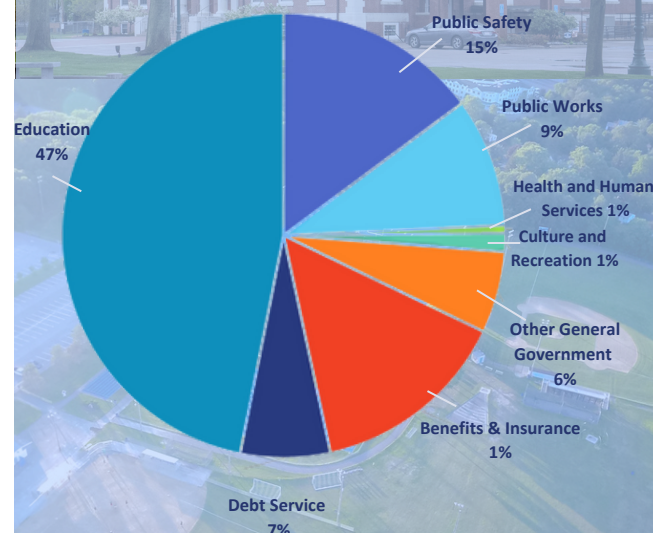
FY 2026: Investing in our Priorities

-  Support Educational Excellence for Our Students
-  Promote a Sustainable Braintree Economy
-  Invest in a Safe and Vibrant Community
-  Strengthen Community Engagement
-  Improve our Public Infrastructure
-  Adopt Strong Financial Practices

\$175M

operational budget to support the residents of our town

FY 2026: Operating Budget Expenditure Category Distribution



FOOD TRUCK WEDNESDAYS

This fun summertime event will be hosted every Wednesday night, **now through August 27** from **4:30PM to 7:30PM** at the Highlands 'Blue Playground'.

Join us for a fun filled community event every Wednesday. Food Trucks will be parked near South Street and CATS Academy up in the Highlands. We are happy to be working with the South Shore Food Truck Association to bring you this fun event throughout the summer months.

Be sure to pack a picnic blanket to enjoy some DIY lawn seating! Click [here](#) or check the Food Truck Associations social medias to see what specific trucks are coming during each week.



BRAINTREE BEAUTIFICATION DAY and the Herring Run Celebration!

With close to 175 volunteers we collected 2900lbs of trash or 1.5 tons! Many volunteers took the opportunity to go check out the Monaquot River fish ladder throughout the day and saw the historic run of the herring up stream. If you haven't gotten out to see the fish ladder yet, be sure to take a trip down there by the end of May as the herring finish their migration to the Great Pond Reservoir! Thank you to all of our volunteers for getting outside and working to keep Braintree beautiful!



HYDRANT FLUSHING May through August

The Town of Braintree has begun our annual flushing program. This means that all the hydrants in the Town are flushed out. Sediment accumulates in the mains and flushing rids the piping of this sediment. This allows us to ensure that the hydrants are working properly.

You may experience dirty water during this period, and we ask for your patience and understanding during the process. Flushing will take place Monday through Thursday from 7PM to 4AM and should have a minimal effect on the water distribution system.



- Avoid doing laundry during these hours and always check to ensure that your water is running clear before resuming laundry activities.
- If you experience discolored water then run your COLD water until it runs clear.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important process. If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the Water and Sewer Office at 781-794-8097.

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES!

Braintree DPW is looking to hire Summer Help/Student Laborers! Summer help positions start at \$15.00/hr. Minimum 18 years of age. For more information on how to apply, contact Human Resources at 781-794-8260 or email jobs@braintreema.gov.

Braintree Golf Food & Beverage is hiring for the golf season, looking to fill weekday shifts. Positions start at \$15/hour with golf privileges. Minimum 18 years of age. If interested email Marc Bonanno (mbonanno@braintreema.gov) for more information.

Braintree Golf Pro Shop is hiring for an afternoon starter and afternoon ranger on Saturdays. Rates vary and all positions receive golf privileges. If interested email Dylan Casserly (dcasserly@braintreema.gov) for more information.

Braintree Recreation is looking for Counselors in Training (CIT). Minimum of 14 years of age. To learn more about the CIT program, click [here](#), or call the Recreation Department at 781-794-8900.

TRASH FEE UPDATES

The Treasurer/Collector's Office, along with the Trash & Recycling and Water & Sewer Departments, have increased their fees to help reduce their budget shortfalls over the next few years. As presented during last years budget this increase marks the second increase, of three to cover the gap in trash collection costs.



UPDATED TRASH FEES beginning July 1, 2025

	Current Fee:	New Fee:
Curbside Collection	\$200	\$250
Senior Discount	\$55	\$65
Additional Trash Cart	\$100	\$100
Additional Recycle Cart	\$100	\$100
Sticker for Compost Center	\$25	\$25
One-Load Permit	\$50/load	\$30/ Load
Compost Bins	\$60	\$60

The water and curbside trash bill will continue to be a combined Town utility bill on the Water & Sewer Department's quarterly billing cycle.

Have questions about the fee changes? Call the Treasurer/Collector's Office at 781-794-8130.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

South Shore Recycling Cooperative is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection in different towns in Spring 2025.

This includes adhesives, flammable liquids, aerosols, poisons, rechargeable batteries, and more!

Click [here](#) for more information on dates and locations.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT: *Welcome to Braintree!*



Peter Matchak: Director of Planning and Community Development

Peter Matchak recently joined the Planning and Community Development Office bringing 12 years of municipal planning experience. Peter has most recently worked in the Town of Ashland. Prior to that, Peter worked on the South Shore in both Hanover and Cohasset. Peter's municipal experience includes the development of three community master plans, spearheading zoning efforts and overseeing permitting for both commercial and residential projects. Locally, Peter has worked on the redevelopment effort at the Hanover Mall and Merchants Row in Hanover and the rezoning of Cohasset harbor. As Director of Planning and Community Development, Peter will work closely with residents, developers, and community stakeholders to build a stronger community. Peter can be reached via email at pmatcak@braintreema.gov or by phone at (781)794-8234.



Ken Rossetti: Town Solicitor

Ken Rossetti recently joined the Town of Braintree as Town Solicitor. Ken brings nearly 17 years of experience as an in-house municipal attorney to Braintree, and he has represented municipal clients before state and federal courts and numerous agencies of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A licensed attorney since 1997, Ken furnishes legal advice to the Mayor, Town Council, Department Directors, and other Town officials on the full range of legal issues that bear upon the Town's functions and responsibilities. Ken follows a distinguished line of former Town Solicitors that includes District 6 Town Councilor Peter Morin.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY *Sunday, May 25, 2025*

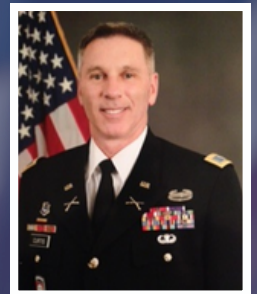
The Town of Braintree's Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 25 at 11AM at Blue Hills Cemetery.

Please join us to honor those who fought for our freedom and gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Thank you to the Ridge family for their generosity in continuously hosting this event.

For more information please reach out to the Braintree Veterans Service Office at 781-794-8217.

Retired Colonel Francis J. Curtis will be the guest speaker at this year's ceremony. Colonel Curtis served for over 32 years in the United States Army Reserve. He commanded at the Company, Battalion and Brigade level, while also serving in key staff assignments that included: battalion operations, and brigade logistics. Colonel Curtis also served across tactical, operational, and strategic levels of the Army in joint, multinational, and special operations environments.



BRAINTREE FARMERS MARKET!

It's that time of year! The Braintree Farmers Market is back for its 2025 outdoor season! The Braintree Farmers Market is a community event organized by local volunteers.

The Farmers Market offers a wide variety of locally grown and produced goods. This includes vegetables, flowers, plants, preserves, Vermont maple syrup, spa products, gourmet baked goods, fresh eggs, dog treats, honey, coffees, smoothies, and more!

Want to learn more about the farmers market? Click [here](#).

DATES:

June 14, 21, 28

July 5, 12, 19, 26

August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

September 6, 13, 20, 27

October 4, 11

Thanksgiving Holiday Farmers Market: November 22

All Farmers Markets will take place from 9AM to 1PM at Braintree Town Hall



THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Make your own Therapy Garden

Saturday, May 24, 2025 | 10:00AM - 11:00AM

In this calming, hands-on workshop you'll learn simple design tips to create your own miniature Therapy Garden. We'll use stones, soil, mosses and other natural elements to create your very own serene setting - there's no maintenance and it's always available!

Space is limited to 24 people. Click [here](#) to register.

Murder Mystery Party

Thursday, May 29 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM

The Teen Advisory Group invites you to our annual Murder Mystery Party! This year join us in the Enchanted Forest! Light refreshments will be served. Attendees are welcome to dress up if they would like too!

Registration is required. Click [here](#) to register.

Storytime for Children

Saturday, May 31 | 11:00AM - 3:30PM

Calling all crafters! Join us for our Craft Supply Swap! Start the spring fresh by bringing new or gently used arts & crafts materials to swap for new-to-you supplies! Donations are not required to participate. Only arts and crafts-related items will be accepted. Suggested items include yarn, decorative paper, fabric scraps, kits, beads, etc. We recommend you bring a reusable tote to take your new-to-you items home in!

Click [here](#) for more information.

Craft Supply Swap

Saturday, May 31, 2025 | 11:00AM - 3:30PM

Calling all crafters! Join us for our first Craft Supply Swap! Start the spring fresh by bringing new or gently used arts & crafts materials to swap for new-to-you supplies! Donations are not required to participate. Only arts and crafts-related items will be accepted. Suggested items include yarn, decorative paper, fabric scraps, kits, beads, etc.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Peterson's Test Prep Info Session for Parents and Teens

Wednesday June 4, 2025 | 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Learn how easy it is to do SAT prep for FREE with just your library card and a solid plan in this one-hour info session for parents and teens. Take time this summer to prepare for upcoming SAT tests with Gale Presents: Peterson's Test Prep. Full-length, timed practice exams to improve your scores and confidence. Tutorials and quizzes to build foundational knowledge.

Click [here](#) for more information.

GEARING UP FOR SUMMER?

Braintree Recreations summer programs still have space available!
Click [here](#) for more information or visit the Recreation website.



Kiddo's Clinic

Ages: 5-7

Come enjoy story time, mystery counselor, playground, games and more!

STEM Camp

Ages: 7-14

Create and animate! Unleash your creativity as you bring your ideas to life with fun games, animations, and stories.

Nelson's Neighbors

Ages: 5-22

Inclusive 6 week program for neurodiverse individuals!



Sports Clinic

Ages: 8-13

Come enjoy games, sports, arts & crafts and more!

Intro to Guitar

Ages: 14 and up

Learn to play the guitar with these evening instructed sessions!

Field Trippers

Ages: 8-13

Come enjoy daily trips to fun and exciting places around New England!



THE WALK AND LISTEN PLAYLIST



Take your walks to the next level with Recreation's Walk & Listen playlist! Enjoy this curated musical playlists designed to energize, relax, or inspire you while you're on the move. Whether you're strolling through the Penniman Park or powering across the Monaquot River Boardwalk, we've got the perfect soundtrack for you!

Interested in learning more about what the Braintree Recreation Department has going on this summer?

Click [here](#) or call 781-794-8900 to learn more!

Braintree Recreation's SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT SUNSET LAKE

CURRAGH'S FANCY

June 24

THE REMINISANTS

July 1

WOLFPACK

July 8

GAINSVILLE ROAD

July 15

THE WILEY BROTHERS

July 22

THAT 60S BAND

July 29

GINAMARK

July 31

MAGIC MOMENTS

August 5



TOWN ALERTS & NOTIFICATIONS



Since July 2024, the town has been using a new Civic Alert System for residents. To ensure you receive important emergency and town-wide alerts, make sure all your contact information is complete — including your address, phone number, and email. Incomplete info can prevent you from receiving alerts specific to your neighborhood or the town.

Ensure the following information is up to date and accurate:

- Current phone numbers (for calls and texts)
- Email address
- Complete physical address (e.g., 40 Smith Road)

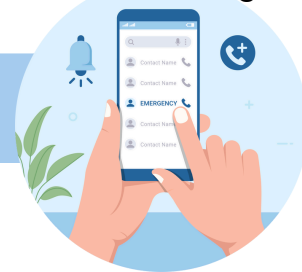
These alerts include emergencies and non-emergency incidents.

Need help signing up for alerts?

Call the Mayor's Office at 781-794-8000

Update your info today to stay informed and safe!

Sign Up



SIGN UP FOR
EMERGENCY
TEXTS ONLY:

If you wish to subscribe to Emergency SMS text messages only: text BraintreeMA to 38276

SIGN UP FOR PHONE,
EMAIL, AND/OR TEXT
UPDATES:

Or for alerts via phone, email and/or text, please click [here](#).

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Hosted by the Public Health Nurse



When: Every Tuesday from 4:00PM - 5:00PM



Where: Public Health Nurses Office at Town Hall

Questions? Reach out to the Public Health Nurse, Jillian Morris at 781-794-8092

ELDER AFFAIRS HOSTS DAY TRIP to Foster's in York, Maine

June 17

Enjoy a delicious meal of clam chowder, lobster, steamed clams, and more at Foster's in York, Maine. The luxury coach bus departs the senior center at 11:15AM for the scenic ride up to Maine. Come enjoy coastal views and a great meal. Cost is \$90 per person.

Call 781-794-1963 to sign up.





MEETINGS AROUND TOWN

Braintree Community Partnership

May 21, 2025, 6:00 PM
@Thayer Library

Retirement Board

May 22, 2025, 4:15 PM
@74 Pond Street

Town Council Meeting

May 27, 2025, 7:30 PM
@Cahill Auditorium

Historical Commission

June 2, 2025, 5:30 PM
@Zoom

Ordinance & Rules Committee

June 3, 2025, 6:30PM
@Johnson Chambers

Town Council Meeting

June 3, 2025, 7:30PM
@Cahill Auditorium

Conservation Commission

June 5, 2025, 7:00PM
@Johnson Chambers

Community Preservation

June 9, 2025, 5:00PM
@Zoom

We are looking for feedback on The 02184 Newsletter. Click the link below or visit The 02184 page of our website to let us know your feedback!

 [**The 02184 Feedback Form**](#)



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Town Hall is open
Mon, Wed, Thur: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Tue: 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM
Fri: 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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