



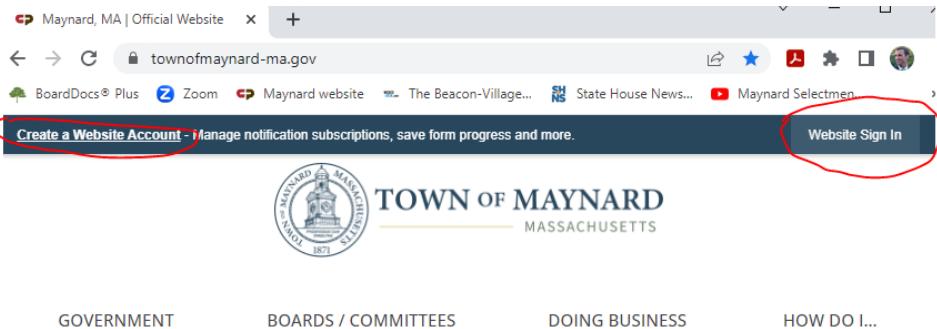
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT



August 1, 2023

ADMINISTRATION:

- The town's [new website](#) allows for residents to create a log in and register to receive notifications, alerts, and other information relative to their interests. Committee members can also request "Author" permissions to edit their specific body's webpage to be published by a town staff "Administrator".



- TA Johnson, Assistant Town Administrator (ATA) Stephanie Duggan, Planning Director Bill Nemser and Executive Assistant Greg Wilson joined members of the Maynard Business Alliance (MBA) for a walk around downtown to speak with business owners, and to observe the progress on the plantings and landscaping for beautification in Naylor Court.



- The Maynard Fire Department coordinated with the Police Department and Health Director to establish a “cooling center” available to the public at the Fire Station on Sudbury Road during the heat wave.
- TA Johnson attended a visit from District Attorney Ryan to the Boys and Girls Club of Assabet Valley on Monday July 17, 2023.



- TA Johnson and Assistant Town Administrator (ATA) Stephanie Duggan are conducting regular collective bargaining agreement negotiations with NEPBA Police unions (Patrolmen and Superior Officers), and with AFSCME Clerical Union. Individual personnel employment agreements to be negotiated include: Police Chief; Deputy Police Chief; and, Planning Director.
- TA Johnson attended the Massachusetts Municipal Managers Association (MMMA) Conference on Thursday July 20 in Sandwich, MA.
- TA Johnson plans to use Personal Time Off (PTO) for vacation on August 14-18, 2023.
- The Treasurer/Collector’s Office will be closed August 15-18, 2023 as staff attends professional development at the annual Massachusetts Collector/Treasurer Association (MCTA) conference.
- TA Johnson and ATA Duggan joined representatives of the Maynard Business Alliance (MBA) for a walk around downtown to strengthen the relationship between Town Hall and the local economy.
- TA Johnson is conducting procurement procedures for multiple contracts (status as listed):

- Owners Project Manager (OPM) for Alumni Field Bleacher design and construction;
- Engineering Review consulting services for the Planning Board;
- Conservation and Wetland Regulation and Planning Consulting Services for the Conservation Commission;
- Town Engineering Services

COUNCIL ON AGING:

- The Council on Aging is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The COA provides information and referral for supportive services including home care, health insurance counseling, fuel assistance, food resources, housing, legal issues, public assistance programs and transportation. The Council on Aging accepts and lends durable medical equipment.
- The Council on Aging van service provides transportation Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Destinations include medical appointments, grocery shopping, banks, and salons. Special trips include Walmart in Hudson and Savers thrift store in Marlborough.
- Beach medallion craft classes were offered. Seniors created masterpieces of shells, driftwood, sea glass arranged in beautiful shadow box frames.

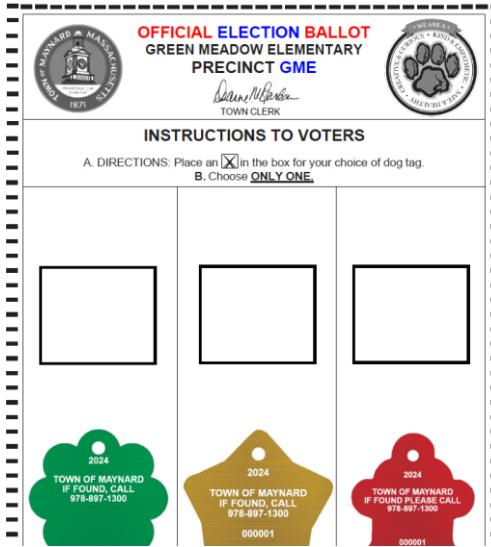


- Monthly movies with lunch returned with lots of laughter and delicious treats.
- On July 17, the Council on Aging was pleased with an unexpected visit from Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan. Attorney Ryan presented information on current scams and frauds especially targeting seniors, and strategies for avoiding risk.

- Special programs of interest in June and July included a presentation on the history of pizza including “bar pizza,” a noteworthy South Shore delicacy. A chocolate tasting was held, and seniors were introduced to its special health benefits. Pizza and chocolate samples were provided!
- On June 23, the Council on Aging hosted Jay Higgins, District Aide & Senior Liaison to Congresswoman Katherine Clark. Jay provided legislative updates regarding bills acutely affecting seniors and examples of support around federal programs such as Medicare, Social Security and others.
- In addition to “Mystery Tours” featuring a scenic drive to a surprise restaurant, “Rocky Road Mystery Trips” were added to the Council on Aging’s summer schedule. Each trip heads for an unclosed ice-cream focused location – what fun on a hot day!
- The Council on Aging published a June/July newsletter which featured the Friends of Maynard Senior’s Family Fun Day, the Maynard Jazz Festival, a health and wellness article on food borne illnesses from Alicia Nixon, dietitian from Emerson Hospital, and more.

TOWN CLERK:

- An election will be held at Green Meadow School on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 in Grades 1 through 3. The students will be deciding the shape and color of the 2024 Maynard Dog License Tag. The Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk will conduct the election at the school and report the results by the end of day on September 19th. A special “thank you” to Karen Lundquist, Asst. Principal, for assistance in setting up this election for the children of Maynard.



- The Town Clerk's Office received a new ballot-deposit box to be installed in front of Town Hall:



PUBLIC WORKS:

- MassDOT is in the preliminary design phase to replace the Main Street bridge. A soil boring company was conducting soil borings for the new Bridge Abutment walls last week. MassDOT reports construction is expected Summer 2025.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

- Conservation Agent Julia Flanary hosted the Conservation Commission and dignitaries at the ribbon cutting of the newly installed kayak rental station at Ice House Landing located along Winter Street. Julia was also interviewed for a segment on that aired WBUR about the initiative.





LIBRARY:

Annual Truck Parade

On Wednesday, July 19, the Library held its annual Truck Parade at the Maynard High School, organized by Children's Librarian Mark Malcolm. Around 250 attendees cheered on the vehicles as they drove three laps around the driveway. After the parade, kids got to tour the SWAT team truck and get free ice cream, thanks to generous funding provided by the Maynard Police Department. Of course, this event could never happen without the help and participation of so many people and town departments. Thank you to the Maynard Police Department, Department of Public Works, Fire Department (who planned to participate

but couldn't due to a last-minute emergency call), Middlesex Sheriff's Office, U.S. Postal Service, American Legion Leapin' Lena, VeeBop's Ice Cream, and Le Limo—and special thanks to the Maynard High School for allowing us to use their driveway and parking lot!



Summer Exhibits

July 29-August 19: Back by popular demand, there will be a Tiny Art Show, featuring the creations of community members on 4"x4" canvases. More details can be found at <https://www.maynardpubliclibrary.org/tiny-art-show>.

August 1-31: Assabet Camera Club will display wildlife photographs taken by its members.



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Seaside Escapes: The Art & Architecture of the New England Coast—Aug. 9, 7pm, Online

Jane Oneail of Culturally Curious returns to present a talk on the art and architecture of the New England coast. From artist colonies to robber baron “summer cottages,” the New England shoreline has inspired countless creative works. This program looks at seascapes by beloved American artists including Winslow Homer and Edward Hopper as well as the over-the-top elegance of Newport, RI summer homes designed for the titans of industry in the nineteenth century. Gloucester's eccentric summer retreat Beauport is also featured.



Summer Reading Programs

Teen Summer Library Club runs through Aug. 19. Three will be a Teen Book Club meeting on Aug. 8, a K-Pop and Cake Pops program on Aug. 15, and more! Find details on all the upcoming activities, events, and prizes and a link for logging your reading at maynardpubliclibrary.org/teen-summer-library-club.

Children's Summer Reading Club runs through Aug. 12. Don't miss out on the Flying High Dogs on Aug. 3, the ukulele class on Aug. 9, or the life-size whalemobile on Aug. 12! Get all the details and a link to use for logging your reading at maynardpubliclibrary.org/childrens-src.

Minuteman Library Network Library Crawl—Wednesday, Aug. 2

On Wednesday, Aug. 2, the Library will once again participate in the Minuteman Library Network Library Crawl. “Crawlers” can spend the day visiting local libraries to find out what is special about each and what they have to offer. It’s an event for all ages. The challenge is to visit as many libraries as you can (more than a dozen libraries are taking part) and take a picture of yourself with a designated item in each library – it’s a 21st century scavenger hunt! Post your pics and tag the libraries #mlncrawl2023. Each library will have handouts and giveaways. Show your pictures to a librarian or tell them you’re on the crawl, and receive a PRIZE!



Basics of Investing—Tuesday, Aug. 15, 7pm



Join us as the CFA Society of Boston will provide an educational session and hold a question and answer period. CFASB is an association of investment and financial professionals from various disciplines. The event will make no sales or solicitation efforts of any attendee. The goal of these sessions is to answer questions like: Where do I start? Why make a Plan? Saving vs Investing? What's a portfolio and should I have one? Where can I get help?

Summer Concert—Thursday, Aug. 17, 5:30pm, Memorial Park (rain location: The Sanctuary)

Two-time GRAMMY award winning, 8th generation Louisiana Creole, Terrance Simien leads a highly skilled Zydeco Experience band at this free concert. Simien has become one of the most respected and accomplished artists in American roots music today. He and his band mates have performed over 10,000 concerts and toured millions of miles to over 45 countries. Bring a chair or blanket ... and friends!



There are many more adult, teen, and children's programs coming up! See maynardpubliclibrary.org/calendar for details.