



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT



**November 21,
2023**

ADMINISTRATION:

- Town offices will be closed:
 - Friday, November 10, 2023 in observance of Veterans Day;
 - Tuesday, November 21, 2023 until 1:00pm for staff training.
 - Wednesday, November 22 starting at noon through Friday, November 24, 2023 in observance of Thanksgiving;
 - Friday, December 22 through Monday, December 25, 2023 in observance of Christmas; and,
 - Monday, January 1, 2023 in observance of New Years.
- TA Johnson is expecting to attend the Budget Sub Committee meeting held November 29, 2023.
- TA Johnson and staff are looking forward to the annual Holiday Parade scheduled for Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 2:00pm.
- TA Johnson joined staff and other officials in meeting with owners and counsel of 2-4 Powder Mill Road towards terms and conditions for a development agreement.
- TA Johnson and Assistant Town Administrator (ATA) Stephanie Duggan are conducting regular collective bargaining agreement negotiations with the AFSCME Clerical Union. Individual personnel employment agreements to be negotiated include the Planning Director.

- 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 continues to meet with departments in consideration of submitted operating budget requests in development of the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) general fund budget.
- Steven Silverstein started as the town's new Executive Director of Municipal Services (EDOMS) on November 15, 2023.

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.
- Beginning in January of 2024, researchers from the Center for Social & Demographic Research on Aging at the Gerontology Institute of UMASS Boston, will be conducting a study focusing on the needs and interests of Maynard's current and future older adult population (age 50 and over). The study will inform the Town of Maynard's planning for programs and services meant to address the evolving needs and interests of Maynard's older residents.
- New programs for December and January include many community collaborations:
 - Art Signals will be offering a glass fusion ornament class.
 - Thyme in the Garden will be offering a holiday centerpiece workshop.
 - The COA co-sponsored "Aging on Purpose" with the Maynard Library (held at the Maynard Library).
 - Special concerts for the seniors by the Maynard High School & Middle School band students.
 - The Maynard High School Student Council will be making uplifting cards for seniors.
 - Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Acton will be sponsoring special Thanksgiving baskets for those in need of extra support.
 - The Northeastern Correctional Center's Culinary Arts students made pies to be distributed at the Thanksgiving Grab-n-Go.
- Indoor pickleball has resumed at the Boys & Girls Club.
- Drums Alive, a new fitness class, has been added to the schedule.



- The Council on Aging published a November/December newsletter which featured the Friends of Maynard Seniors Senior Holiday Brunch, Council on Aging Board column, Maynard holiday events, tax exemptions, Captain Mike Parr's column and introductions to Maynard's Health Director Ivan Kwagala, and new Public Health Nurse, Moira Carter.