



# **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

## **August 6, 2024**



### **ADMINISTRATION**

- Town Administrator (TA) Johnson and Assistant Town Administrator (ATA) Stephanie Duggan are conducting regular collective bargaining agreement negotiations with the IAFF Fire Fighters Local 1947 union, and with the Public Safety Tele-Communicators NEPBA Local 114 dispatchers union.
- TA Johnson issued the Request For Information (RFI) to seek potential spaces to lease for a senior center. The RFI is available through registration on the town's website.
- TA Johnson and ATA Duggan are reviewing applications for the Town Clerk position. Dianne Reardon is expected to retire in September 2024.
- TA Johnson joined the other members of the Green Meadow School Building Committee on Monday, July 29, 2024, to review the "Add Alternates" and Value Engineering aspects of the developing bid documents for general contractors.
- TA Johnson is planning to take Personal Time Off (PTO) from Monday August 12 through Friday August 16, 2024.
- TA Johnson attended the graduation of Maynard Firefighter/EMT Nick Cutone from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy (MFA) on Friday, July 26. Firefighter/EMT Cutone was one of 33 graduates from 23 departments in the Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program Class #322.
- TA Johnson attended the graduation of the Maynard Police Youth Academy held August 2, 2024 at the Maynard Fire Station.
- As you may be aware, our Veterans Service Officer Wayne Stanley retired on July 1st after many years of faithful service to the military community and our local Maynard veterans. We wish him well as he embarks on his retirement journey!
- Please welcome Peter Harvell as the Town of Maynard's new Veteran Service Officer (VSO)! Peter has been a Massachusetts certified VSO for over 19 years. He has served full-time in Framingham as the Director of Veteran Services and since his retirement,



he now serves part-time VSO in Lincoln and Maynard. Peter is a retired US Army Special Forces (Green Beret) Officer with 23 years of active-duty service. His duty stations include Korea, Fort Bragg, Germany, Fort Devens, USCENTCOM (Desert Storm), SOCCENT, the Pentagon and USSOCOM. He is also Airborne, Ranger, Special Forces, Military Freefall and Underwater Operations qualified. He graduated From Boston College, and he also has a master's degree from the US Naval War College (and speaks fluent Navy). Peter and his wife have four adult children and four grandchildren. He collects toy soldiers and trench art (folk art made with battlefield debris like brass cannon casings). Peter's hours will be Thursdays from 2pm-4pm, by appointment in the shared VSO/State Rep office in Municipal Services.

## PUBLIC WORKS

- Department of Public Works conducted overnight work to address vegetation management control in the area of Downtown, Parker street and Sudbury.
- I.W. Harding Construction Co. Inc. will be performing roadway, sidewalk, and traffic signal construction at the intersection of Concord Street and Acton Street/Haynes Street beginning on or around August 12, 2024, and running through the Winter of 2024, weather permitting. The work consists of construction of a new traffic signal, pedestrian signals, roadway milling, pavement overlay, sidewalk reconstruction, curbing, pedestrian curb ramps, signage, pavement markings, and pedestrian crossing equipment. Once construction is started, no on-street parking will be allowed until all construction activities are completed. Daily vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic detours may be put into place to facilitate the contractor's construction of the roadway and traffic signal improvements. Please plan on potential delays or to seek alternate travel routes during times when detours are in place.
- The Department of Public Works will be commencing its annual Storm Water Catch Basin cleaning service, with a start date of July 30th. Cleaning services do not allow for the entire system to be serviced yearly, high priority & trouble areas will be addressed first in various locations across the community, with bi-annual / rotational neighborhoods to be addressed after. Initiation and Completion are subject to weather conducive to the operation. Impacts as it relates to the operation will be minimal, slowed traffic patterns, and one-way traffic. Please be aware to not park for long periods of time over storm water basins, as that will impact the services provided.



## MUNICIPAL SERVICES

- The Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), in an [article](#) on its website, highlighted Maynard as a case study in successful adoption of the MBTA Communities Multifamily Zoning Requirement--which allows multifamily housing by-right in specific zoning districts within the Town--proof that Maynard is a leader in helping the Commonwealth solve the housing shortage crisis.
- OMS Administrative Assistant Zoe Piel has her artwork featured at 6 Bridges Gallery on Main Street in the exhibition “Untangled: Original Fiber.” The exhibition runs through August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## 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.
- The Council on Aging is grateful to Trish Kwartler and Jan Rosenberg for their beautification efforts to the front of the golf course building as well as the walkway to the COA.
- Deaconess Abundant Life Services provided a presentation on de-hydration complete with water bottles and tips to stay hydrated. Just in time for an upcoming heatwave!
- The Council on Aging and the Maynard Library co-sponsored a trip to Botswana with Bill Gette (via a fascinating presentation and beautiful photography by Bill). More co-sponsorships will continue in the fall.
- Town of Maynard’s Public Health Nurse Moira Carter wrote an article on seasonal vaccines for the July/August newsletter as did Emerson Hospital dietician Suzanne Reasenberg. Suzanne wrote about the MIND diet.
- The COA sponsored a special craft class with Lara Maira from The Sea & Me Designs. Seniors created beautiful decoupage seashells to take home or give as a gift.



- The Council on Aging's July/August newsletter featured the Maynard Community Band, Music on Main and Shakespeare in the Park, the Maynard Farmers Market, Maynard Library events and programs, and special COA programs were featured as well as caregiver support groups.

## LIBRARY

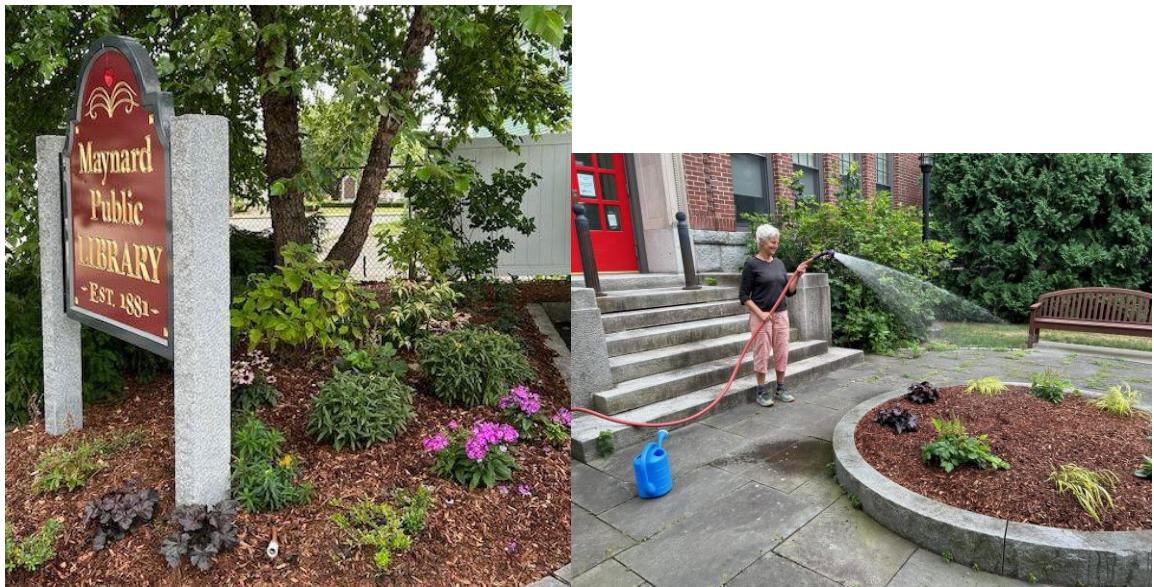
### Library Landscape Improvement Project

- Thanks to a Cultural District Enhancement Fund grant awarded by the Town of Maynard, this summer the Library was able to make soil, plant, and other improvements to three garden areas on the property-- two by the parking lot and one on the patio on the Nason Street side of the building.

The goals of these changes are to make the grounds and building more visible and welcoming to the public and create more spaces for relaxation and enjoyment while using designs and plants that take climate change, water conservation, cost, and maintenance considerations into account. Most of the new plants are species that are native to New England.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to volunteers from the Maynard Community Gardeners and the Friends of the Maynard Public Library for the dedication, time, and effort they have put into the daily watering of these gardens. The group is led by Jan Rosenberg, who has played a vital role in helping to plan and carry out the changes. We never could have taken on this project without the assistance of our volunteers.





### **Mind in the Making Grant Award**

- The Library received the news that (pending the upcoming signing of a contract) it has been awarded the \$15,000 Mind in the Making grant it applied for from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. This grant will help us improve and enhance the Library's play area and programming for children ages 0-6. Through this project, which will officially begin in October 2024, we aim to provide families with a more accessible, educational, inclusive, and stimulating play space and with more programs in the areas of STEM, music, and sensory development. The grant is funded through the federal Library Services and Technology Act.

## **Joanne Zobbi Joins Library Staff**

We are delighted to announce that Joanne Zobbi joined the Library staff on July 8 as a full-time Circulation Assistant. Joanne previously worked at the Ashland Public Library for three years and has almost completed the Massachusetts Basic Library Techniques course and certification. She brings great experience and skills, and she says her favorite part of library work is helping people. Please stop by and help us welcome her to Maynard.



## **Annual Summer Concert in the Park**

On July 20, around 225 Maynard residents and visitors attended the Library's concert at Veterans Memorial Park, featuring vocalist and songwriter Martha Redbone and her three-piece band from New York. The music spanned multiple genres, including folk, mountain blues, and more. The weather was beautiful, and a good time was had by all.



## **Amazing Animal Ambassadors**

One of the many Summer Reading Club activities this year was a presentation by Amazing Animal Ambassadors at Veterans Memorial Park on July 31. Around 120 kids and adults got to see and learn about such animals as a fennec fox, a red-tailed hawk, a lesser tenrec (looks like a hedgehog but is not related), a land tortoise, and more. They even got to pet the tortoise and vist the tenrec up close. It was a valuable lesson in animal biology, needs, and behavior and why these wild creatures are so important.



There are many more programs coming up! See [maynardpubliclibrary.org/calendar](http://maynardpubliclibrary.org/calendar) for details and registration.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Incidents:

- On July 1st, 2024, Officer Riviere responded to Saint Bridget's Cemetery for a report of a storage shed that was broken into. Management discovered that the storage shed had been broken into, and equipment had been stolen. The incident is under investigation.
- On July 3rd, 2024, Sergeant Petersen took a report of a scam. An individual contacted her stating that her computer was infected with a virus, and they needed to rectify the issue. She was instructed to withdraw money from her account. She realized it was a scam and reported the phone call. She was advised to contact her banking institution and monitor accounts.
- On July 3rd, 2024, Officer Oliveira took a report of a hit and run accident that occurred on Naylor Court. The reporting party witnessed a small motorcycle lose control and hit a vehicle parked in the lot. The incident was documented, and Officers canvassed for camera footage.
- On July 12th, 2024, Officer Gennaro took a report of an online scam. An individual on Facebook marketplace had listed a property for rent in Maynard. An interested party conversed online with the alleged property owner, and went to view the property discovering it was not for rent and was a scam. The incident was documented and is under investigation.
- On July 22nd, 2024, Officer Blackington took a report of suspicious activity. A resident reported that she recently noticed damage to her apartment door consistent with someone attempting to gain entry. The damage was documented, and the resident was advised of steps to take for better security.
- On July 29th, 2024, Officer Blackington responded to Digital Way for a report of a hit and run motor vehicle accident. The owner of the vehicle reported that her vehicle was damaged while she was shopping. The damage was documented, and the area canvassed for cameras.

- On July 30th, 2024, Officer Blackington took a report of vandalism to a motor vehicle. The owner of the vehicle reported that it appeared as though someone had damaged her vehicle on purpose. The incident was documented.

### Canine Tracking School

- Detective McCann and K9 Otis successfully completed a 5 week tracking school held in Middleborough at Professional Canine Services. Otis will assist with searches for missing kids, individuals with autism, those suffering from dementia and/or Alzheimer's, lost hikers and individuals who may have wandered away from assisted living facilities, or any search for non-violent/non-criminal persons.

This training will be of great service to our community and surrounding communities in times of need. Thank you Professional Canine Services for providing this potentially life saving skillset to Detective McCann and K9 Otis.



### Community Outreach

- The Maynard Fire Department held a cooling center at 30 Sudbury Street from 8:00AM-8:00PM during an exceptionally hot week in Maynard, the center was open to all.
- Notice of Roadway -Intersection Construction Concord Street at Route 27 I.W. Harding Construction Co. Inc. will be performing roadway, sidewalk, and traffic signal construction at the intersection of Concord Street and Acton Street/Haynes Street beginning on or around August 12, 2024, and running through the Winter of 2024, weather permitting. The work consists of construction of a new traffic signal, pedestrian signals, roadway milling, pavement overlay, sidewalk reconstruction, curbing, pedestrian curb ramps, signage, pavement markings, and pedestrian crossing equipment. Once construction is started, no on-street parking will be allowed until all construction activities are completed. Daily vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic detours may be put into place to facilitate the contractor's construction of the roadway and traffic signal improvements. Please plan on potential delays or to seek alternate travel routes during times when detours are in place. If you have any questions, please contact the Maynard DPW at (978) 897-1317 or via email at [DPW@townofmaynard.net](mailto:DPW@townofmaynard.net).

- The Maynard Police Department Youth Academy is under way with 17 campers. The academy spans a week during July and August. Check back next month for a recap!



### Personnel

- Officer Joseph Noonan was recently sworn in to the Maynard Police Department. He is a recent graduate of the Quinsigamond Community College Police Academy and has now begun his Field Training program. We are excited to have him as part of our team!

Please join us in welcoming him to Maynard!

### Motor Vehicle Stops

Civil Citation: 5  
 Written Warning: 44  
 Verbal Warning: 122  
 Arrests (MV related): 3  
 Criminal Complaints: 3

### Motor Vehicle Accidents

Acton St: 1  
 Brown St: 1  
 Digital Way: 3  
 Main St: 2  
 Parker St: 2  
 Pleasant St: 1

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Ladder 1 is back in service and back where it belongs in Maynard. All repairs have been completed.



- Congratulations to Class #322 and Maynard Firefighter Nick Cutone for his successful completion of the MA Fire Academy on Friday, July 26th. The academy is a rigorous ten-week training program that is taught with an all-hazards approach.



- We may have a brand-new station however we must respect and share our traditions with the community. Thank you to Captain Mark Tomyl who restored the fire alarm box that was on our old station on 1 Summer. Now that it is restored it is in our training room to be shared with the public for generations to come.

