



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT



December 3, 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.
- TA Johnson was thrilled and honored to join other officials and volunteers in support of the Maynard High School Senior Class Mock Interviews on Wednesday, November 20, 2024.
- Town staff enjoyed a Thanksgiving breakfast in Town Hall on Tuesday, November 26, 2024. A lot of staff had started their vacations early, but it was a good time by all of us still around before the holiday. The Fire Fighters came by after the initial sit down and took leftovers!



- TA Johnson expects to attend the WAVM Beacon Telethon on Friday, December 13 at the Maynard High School and supports the programs fundraising efforts.
- TA Johnson expects to attend the Massachusetts Municipal Managers Association (MMMA) Holiday meeting in Sturbridge on Thursday, December 12, 2024.
- TA Johnson expects to attend the Council on Aging (COA) holiday brunch at the Maynard Elks Lodge on Friday, December 13, 2024.
- TA Johnson is reviewing department operating and capital budget submissions for consideration of his recommended Fiscal Year 2026 General Fund budget submission to the Select Board. The Water and Sewer Enterprise budget recommendations are being developed through the Department of Public Works and their expert consultant Stantec, with an expectation to brief the Select Board (as Water/Sewer Commissioners) after the new calendar year.

FIRE

- Maynard Fire Fighter Frechette recently graduated from the state's Fire Academy in Stow on November 18, 2024 as the class's top graduate:



LIBRARY

Meet Finn!

Since the retirement of our beloved Zora, who was read to by Maynard children for several years, the Library has been very fortunate to be paired with a new dog, Finn, and his owner Ellen. Their first Read to a Dog program at MPL took place on November 6. Finn, like Zora, is a golden retriever and a patient listener, and he was a big hit with his first group of readers.



A Night of Jazz with Pianist Alex Minasian

The Library was honored to host the immensely talented jazz pianist Alex Minasian, along with fellow world-class musicians on bass and drums, on the evening of November 7. Minasian has performed at famous halls, including Birdland and Cafe Carlyle, and the 42 attendees at the Library concert indeed felt

like they'd been transported to a premiere jazz club in New York. Minasian and friends treated us to songs by Thelonious Monk, John Coltrane, and more.



***Motherlove* Author Jean Trounstone**

On November 14, the Library welcomed Jean Trounstone, an acclaimed writer and social-justice activist, along with guest speakers Keyma Mack and Stacey Borden. Trounstone is the author of *Motherlove*, a collection of short fiction exploring the stories of ten mothers, each struggling with the aftermath of murder. Attendees of the program learned a great deal about the Massachusetts prison and parole systems, their effects on the incarcerated and the families of victims, and the reforms that are needed. The publisher Concord Free Press distributed 25 free copies of the book to attendees, with suggested donations to charities of their choosing.



Coming up in December

- ★ Holiday Stress Relief Mindfulness and Meditation
- ★ Get on the Cloud with Google Drive
- ★ Commonwealth Ballet Nutcracker Show
- ★ Gift and Card Making Days
- ★ Six Pillars of Brain Health
- ★ Wrapping Swap

- ★ Decluttering and Downsizing
- ★ The Ammo Dump (back by popular demand, the program about the backstory of the ammo dump at the present-day Assabet National Wildlife Refuge)
- ★ Teen Silent Book Club
- ★ Silly Sally's Marvelous Magic Show

Learn more about these and many other programs at maynardpubliclibrary.org/calendar.