

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT



January 21, 2025

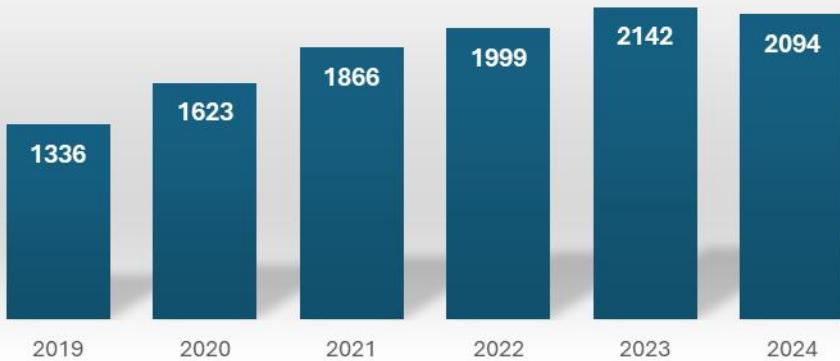
ADMINISTRATION

- Town Administrator (TA) Johnson and Assistant Town Administrator (ATA) Stephanie Duggan are expecting to begin regular collective bargaining agreement negotiations with the LIUNA Professionals union and LIUNA Laborers union. TA Johnson expects to begin negotiations with Director of Public Works (DPW) Justin DeMarco. TA Johnson is conducting negotiations with Chris Troiano to serve as Police Chief.
- Town Hall, the Police Station and the Fire Station phones have been replaced with a new internet-based system through vendor “Harbor Networks”. The new system allows users to use their computer and mobile devices to make calls, check voice mail, send text messages, and host video conferences.
- TA Johnson and Executive Director of the Office of Municipal Services (OMS) Steve Silverstein opened the proposals for the sale of 61-63 Summer Street (old Fowler School). An evaluation team is being formed to review the proposals and develop a recommendation for the Select Board to authorize the Town Administrator to negotiate sale terms.
- TA Johnson expects to brief the Budget Sub Committee on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, with his recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) General Fund budget and capital improvement plan (CIP).
- TA Johnson and ATA Duggan plan to attend the “Connect 351” annual conference of the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) at the Seaport District, Boston, on January 23-25, 2025.
- An Insurance Advisory Committee (IAC) meeting, composed of union and other employee representation, is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2025, to review reports from the town’s health insurance provider, MIIA, provided at the MMA Annual Conference.
- TA Johnson thanks the organizers and participants that made a successful “Winter Fest” on Saturday, January 18, 2025.

FIRE

Analysis of our 2024 data is currently underway. We responded to a total of 2,094 emergency calls, which represents a slight decrease compared to the previous year. Nevertheless, the overall trend remains upward. The Digital Way complex emerged as our largest response area, with 350 requests for service.

Incidents



Our year began with a brush fire sparked by an unattended fire pit. The Commonwealth continues to face challenges due to the drought conditions experienced in 2024. Moving forward, we are committed to enhancing public education on fire safety, particularly during the Open Burning season. Should these conditions persist, we anticipate that the state may shorten the open burning season.



On the night prior, the Engine Company from Group 3 responded to a fire in Maynard. Early the following morning, the Ladder Company from the same group was dispatched to Concord in response to a mutual aid request for apparatus to assist with a working structure fire.

Group 3

Captain Tomyl, FF. Latta & FF. Cutone contained a brush fire that originated in a fire pit and spread to a wooded backyard.

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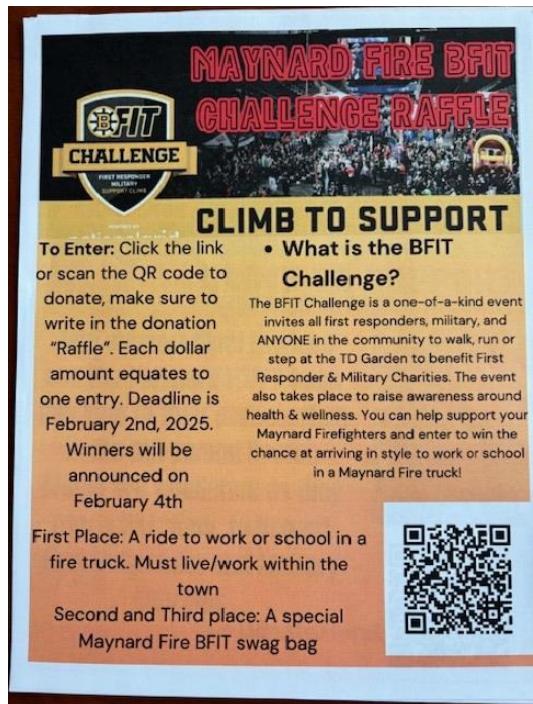
Captain Tomyl, FF, Kramer & FF. Hureau responded with the Ladder truck to West Concord for a fire in a duplex. Concord fire with mutual aid support – 2 alarm fire, made a quick stop with fire in the attic. No injuries.



This week, we are conducting a promotional exam to fill the open Captain position left by Captain King's retirement in December. Additionally, we are excited to put our new Engine 1 into service on January 9th, marking this significant milestone with a push-in ceremony. We recognize the crucial role public support plays in securing funding for public safety, and we have invited community members to join us in commemorating this event.

A special shout-out goes to Firefighter Brian Kramer, who served on the apparatus design committee alongside Chief Lawless. The design process for this engine began in December 2021, with delivery completed in October. Preparing an apparatus for service is no small feat, requiring immense time and dedication. Many of our members have worked tirelessly over the past few months to ensure this Engine is ready for service, and we are thrilled to bring it into service for the community this week.

We also recently completed a hiring process and are pleased to welcome our newest member, Firefighter Edward Noland. A Boston resident, Mr. Noland previously served as a full-time firefighter in Nashville, TN. After the birth of his first child, he and his wife returned to Boston, and he now looks forward to joining the Maynard Fire Department.



MAYNARD FIRE BFit CHALLENGE RAFFLE

CHALLENGE
FIRST RESPONDER & MILITARY CHARITIES

CLIMB TO SUPPORT

- What is the BFit Challenge?

To Enter: Click the link or scan the QR code to donate, make sure to write in the donation "Raffle". Each dollar amount equates to one entry. Deadline is February 2nd, 2025.

Winners will be announced on February 4th

First Place: A ride to work or school in a fire truck. Must live/work within the town

Second and Third place: A special Maynard Fire BFit swag bag

CLIMB TO SUPPORT FIRST RESPONDERS & MILITARY

Help support Chief Lawless and the Maynard FD/PD team this year in their participation in the 8th annual Boston Bruins BFit challenge as they run/walk/climb to benefit First Responder and Military charities.

Donate Here! 

Several of our department members are once again participating in the BFit Challenge this year. The event, held at Boston Garden, raises funds for charities that support military personnel and first responders. The Maynard Fire team has decided that the funds we raise will be donated to the OnSite Academy. The OnSite Academy is a short-term, intensive residential treatment center designed to assist rescue personnel who may be temporarily overwhelmed by job-related stress, suffering from cumulative or delayed critical incident stress, or experiencing acute reactions to a critical incident.



POLICE

December Report:

Incidents:

On December 7th, 2024, Officer Noonan responded to the area of 149 Main Street for a report of a minor hit and run motor vehicle accident.

The owner went to their vehicle parked on the street and noticed that the mirror appeared to have been struck by a passing vehicle. The incident was photographed, documented and the area was canvassed.

On December 10th, 2024, Officer Avril responded to a report of shoplifting from The Paper Store. The Assistant Manager reported that a significant number of Stanley Tumblers were missing from a display. Detective Avril worked with area agencies to identify two females, and an arrest warrant was issued.

On December 12th, 2024, Officer Riviere and Detective/SRO McCann responded to Market Basket for a report of shoplifting. The merchandise was returned, and the individual was issued a no trespass order.

Community Outreach

The Maynard Police Department participated in a Winter Coat Drive that was created by the Leaders of Today, students at the Advanced Math and Science Academy.

There is an 2024, parking ban on roadways, sidewalks and municipal parking lots from 2:00AM-6:00AM December 1st, 2024 -March 15th, 2025.

- Violators will be fined.
- Violators will be subject to tow during snow removal.

Please note, if you are seeking a municipal parking program pass, you can contact the Office of Municipal Services at 978-898-1302.

On December 7th, the Maynard Police Department participated in the Holiday Stroll which started off with the lighting on the Christmas Tree downtown.

On December 8th, the 2024 Holiday Parade, what a success! Santa arriving by helicopter, The Grinch, and Mr. Mark from the Maynard Public Library, what more could the kids want? Thank you to all of the organizers who have kept this tradition alive throughout the years.

On December 13th, the Friends of Maynard Seniors hosted their annual Holiday Brunch at the Maynard-Clinton Lodge of Elks. Thank you for the invitation!

On December 14th, Juvenile Detective/SRO Allison McCann and Detective Sergeant Trista Manchus were attending a private function at Maynard Fine Arts. While there Steve and Lizza Smith of Smith & Findlay Homes offered to accept donations for the Maynard Police Department Toy Drive! Steve and Lizza thank you for your generosity.

Training

Detective/SRO McCann attended a monthly Crisis Response and Behavioral Health training.

Motor Vehicle Stops

Action Taken

Civil Citation: 6

Written Warning: 47

Verbal Warning: 85

Arrests: 0

Criminal Complain: 5

Total MV Stops: 143

Motor Vehicle Accidents

Brown Street: 1

Concord Street: 1

Digital Way: 1

Dineen Circle: 1

Driscoll Ave: 1

Great Road: 2

Main Street: 2

Maple Street: 1

Nason Street: 2

Parker Street: 5

Powder Mill Road: 2

Summer Street: 2

Total: 21

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.

Highlights for December included:

- Debby McNulty and her staff from Thyme in the Garden provided a festive holiday arrangement workshop. Seniors gathered greens, glitter and hidden talent to create beautiful masterpieces!





- Seniors learn how to make edible gifts with staff from Therapy Gardens and holiday gift giving accessories with Jen Mabardy, a Stampin' Up demonstrator.



- The Friends of Maynard Seniors sponsored the Annual Senior Holiday Brunch at the Maynard Elks on December 13. Over 150 seniors and dignitaries enjoyed a delicious brunch menu, lavish raffle baskets and warm holiday wishes.



