



THE 02184



From the Desk of the Mayor

HAPPY SUMMER BRAINTREE!

June has always been my favorite month and this year sure has been full of new and exciting 'firsts' – my first June as Mayor, a historical passing of the Town's first override, my first son moving on to Braintree High School and my first-time dropping dolphins from the top of our own Braintree Fire tower truck. If you have no idea what that last 'first' is, you'll have to make a point to visit the Joshua Kaye Foundation's annual summer fundraiser next year!

I'm so appreciative of the support my administration has received from our residents so far this year and I want to offer a special thanks to all of you who came out to vote in our Special Election on June 15th.

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Off-Duty Braintree Firefighter Saves Life A TESTAMENT TO TRAINING AND DEDICATION

In a remarkable display of bravery and skill, off-duty Braintree firefighter Brian Oriola along with Duxbury Firefighter Scott Hill recently saved a life by administering CPR and utilizing an automated external defibrillator (AED). Oriola, a seasoned member of the Braintree Fire Department with 18 years of service, sprang into action during a critical moment, demonstrating the preparedness and dedication that define his profession.

The incident occurred while Oriola was off duty, underscoring the unpredictable nature of emergencies and the constant readiness required of firefighters. Despite being off the clock, Oriola's swift response and decisive actions proved pivotal in reviving the individual in distress.

Braintree firefighters undergo rigorous training to handle medical emergencies, including weekly EMT training sessions in collaboration with Brewster Ambulance. This ongoing training ensures that firefighters are well-equipped to respond effectively to a wide range of situations, even when not officially on duty.



"While firefighters have a duty to act, Brian Oriola's actions were truly courageous," remarked Interim Fire Chief Viola of the Braintree Fire Department.

The department holds a proud tradition of valor and service, with multiple instances in recent years where its members have demonstrated extraordinary bravery in saving lives.

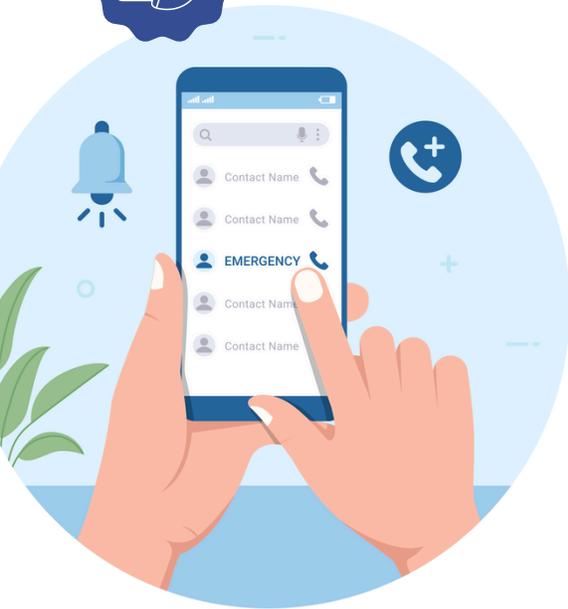
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Pictured Above: Mayor Joyce, Firefighter Oriola and Interim Fire Chief Viola



Town Alerts & Notifications



The Town of Braintree is able to send you Emergency Alerts via phone call, text message, or email, based on your preferences. It is important that we collect this contact information because many households no longer utilize traditional land-based telephone lines and we want to be able to contact our residents.

The alert system is intended to be used for emergency alerts, as well as non-emergency incidents, at the discretion of the Town, that may have significant impacts to residents. Emergency Alerts could be related to specific local hazard that could require action taken by residents such as: evacuation, shelter in place, boil water orders, etc. Non-emergency incident alerts could include significant transportation problems with prolonged impact or significant ongoing police or fire activity. This list is not meant to be all inclusive and demonstrates that this system will not be used for routine information. In addition to receiving information on your wireless device, you may also receive notification on your land telephone line (if you have one) depending on the type of incident or event.



If you wish to subscribe to Emergency SMS text messages only: text BraintreeMA to 38276

Or for alerts via phone, email and/or text, please visit:

These alerts are provided free of charge, however standard text messaging rates and other charges may apply depending on your wireless provider.



This is a **NEW** system! Residents *must* sign up to get alerts. Previous registrations will not work after July 1st.



<https://public.alertsense.com/SignUp/publicUser.aspx?RegionId=2235>

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Braintree Firefighter

The use of AEDs by trained personnel like Oriola is crucial in cardiac emergencies, where every second counts. The timely intervention and expert care provided by Oriola exemplify the professionalism and dedication that define the Braintree Fire Department.

This latest rescue underscores the vital role that firefighters play in their communities beyond their regular shifts. Oriola's heroic actions serve as a reminder of the selflessness and commitment that characterize the men and women of the Braintree Fire Department.

In response to the incident, local officials and community members have praised Oriola's actions, highlighting the importance of public access to AEDs and the critical need for ongoing emergency response training.

As Braintree continues to uphold its reputation for excellence in fire and emergency services, Oriola's story stands as a testament to the department's unwavering commitment to public safety and the well-being of its residents.

The Braintree Fire Department encourages all community members to learn CPR and familiarize themselves with AED locations, as these measures can significantly improve outcomes in medical emergencies.

Summer

Fun with the Braintree Recreation Department

Nelson Chin Summer Concert Series at Sunset Lake



LIVE MUSIC EVERY TUESDAY
6PM-8PM

Tuesday, June 25: Curragh's Fancy

Tuesday, July 2: Studio Two (Beatles Tribute Band)

Tuesday, July 9: Magic Moments

Tuesday, July 16: Marc Berger

Tuesday, July 23: Gainsville Road

Tuesday, July 30: Wolfpack

Thursday, August 1: GinaMark (Smith Beach)

Tuesday, August 6: The Reminisants

In the event of rain an announcement will be made on a rescheduled date on all town, recreation department, and BELD websites and social media accounts.

Party in the Park

FOOD | MUSIC | GAMES
ENTERTAINMENT



Thursday, July 11, 6 PM - 8 PM
at Mattulina Park

Tuesday, July 16, 6 PM -8 PM at Sunset Lake

2024 REC Organized Playgrounds



FREE DROP-IN PROGRAM!

Starting Monday, June 24: Highlands School and Lincoln Park

Starting Monday, July 1: Harris Park (Elmlawn Road) and Mattulina

Parks will be open 9 AM - 3 PM until Friday, August 9th.
No program on Thursday, July 4th and Friday, July 5th.



Free Movie Nights at French's Common

Wednesday, July 10 at dusk

Wednesday July 17 at dusk

Keep an eye on Braintree Recreation social media for movie titles.

Kid's Day at French's Common

Wednesday, July 24
10 AM - 2 PM



Rate-date: Thursday, July 15

Chill Out



Petersen Splash Pad at Watson Park
Open Daily 10 AM - 6 PM

Sunset Lake
Open Daily 10 AM - dusk

Smith Beach
Open 7 hours daily, depending on the tides

See the posted schedule at the beach weekly to find out when the lifeguard will be on duty.



For more information about Braintree Parks and Recreation please visit Braintreema.myrec.com or contact Chris Griffin at cgriffin@braintreema.gov

**WELCOME
BACK!**



Outdoor Market Dates:

JUNE 15-OCTOBER 12, 2024 | 9 AM - 1 PM

Featuring locally grown and produced fruits, vegetables, hormone & antibiotic-free meats, seafood, delicious prepared foods, flowers, plants, preserves, Vermont maple syrup, spa products, gourmet baked goods, fresh eggs, pies, local honey, fresh baked breads, mushrooms, granola, authentic Italian pestos, cheeses, made-to-order arepas, sauces, cranberries, microgreens, locally roasted coffees, soups, pickles, fresh-pressed cider, dairy-free desserts, garlic salts, bone broths, and much more.

The Braintree Farmers Market is a community event organized by local volunteers. Visit our Community Table to find out about other non-profit organizations that we support.

Music sponsored each week by BELD.

Location: Braintree Town Hall Mall, One JFK Memorial Drive, Braintree, MA 02184

National Wildlife Foundation Pledge

Mayor Erin Joyce has committed to increasing the Town's environmental stewardship footprint, notably in protecting pollinators and the monarch butterfly, by signing the Mayor's Monarch Pledge in 2024.

We look forward to using this opportunity to sprinkle more color in our gardens while raising awareness for creating and building pollinator-friendly habitats throughout our Town.

The Mayor thanks District 1 Councilor Julia Flaherty for her partnership in this effort.

COMMUNICATIONS AND CONVENING

- Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.

PROGRAM AND DEMONSTRATION GARDENS

- Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location. There are pollinator gardens located at the Braintree Golf Course.





UPCOMING MEETINGS

Town Council Meeting
July 2, 2024, 7:30 PM -
10:00 PM
@Cahill Auditorium

Town Council Meeting
August 6, 2024,
7:30 PM - 10:00 PM
@Cahill Auditorium

**Planning Board
Monthly Meeting**
July 9, 2024, 7:00 PM
@Cahill Auditorium

**Planning Board
Monthly Meeting**
August 13, 2024, 7:00 PM
@Cahill Auditorium

**Conservation Commission
Monthly Meeting**
July 11, 2024, 7:00 PM
@Johnson Chambers

**Zoning Board of Appeals
Regular Meeting**
August 26, 2024, 7:00 PM
@Johnson Chambers

**Zoning Board of Appeals
Regular Meeting**
July 22, 2024, 7:00 PM
@Johnson Chambers

**Conservation Commission
Monthly Meeting**
August 1, 2024, 7:00 PM
@Johnson Chambers



Lisa Fiske Heger

Name: Lisa Fiske Heger

Title: Braintree School Committee Chair

Years on School Committee: This is my 11th year (2012 - 2019 & 2022 - present); 7th year as Chair

What brought you to volunteer for the town: I believe in public education. I moved to and stayed in Braintree because of the school department's excellent reputation. I raised 2 children through the Braintree Public Schools.

What is your experience or expertise that makes you a valuable School Committee Member: I have been volunteering in the schools for 25 years beginning when my oldest child entered first grade. Prior to being elected to the School Committee I served as a Town Meeting member in order to support our schools (before the mayoral form of government change in 2008). I served as PTO Co-President/Co-Chair at Morrison Elementary and East Middle School and webmaster at BHS. I volunteered on numerous strategic planning, school councils and search committees.

As a School Committee Member I have served on a number of sub-committees including Finance & Operations, Policy & Education, School Advisory Board, Liaison to SEPAC and Negotiations with Braintree Educators Association. I also serve on the town's School Building Committee.

In 2020, I stepped up as Co-Chair of the 'Vote Yes for Braintree Schools' Committee in support of a debt exclusion to fund the new South Middle School, roof replacements on elementary schools and security upgrades districtwide.

In 2024, I joined the 'Vote Yes Braintree' Steering Committee to advocate for the recent Proposition 2 1/2 override.

Job responsibilities of the School Committee: The role and responsibilities of the School Committee are:

1. Establish and periodically review educational policies and goals for the district.
2. Hire and evaluate the superintendent.
3. Review and approve the school district's annual budget and work to ensure the necessary funds are appropriated for the district as well as oversee operations of the annual budget.



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4. As chair, I set the agenda for School Committee meetings and lead the meetings.

School Committee goals for 2024: Our highest priority this year is to secure funding for the district for FY25 that will maintain the high standards our students deserve.

Fun fact about yourself: I played the alto saxophone from 4th grade to 12th grade and performed in a concert, marching and jazz band. I help rescue feral cats through adoption and Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR). I am a caregiver to a feral cat colony in my neighborhood.

For more information on the School Committee or to reach Lisa, please contact lisa.fiskeheger@braintreeschools.com or visit braintreeschools.org/school-committee



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Desk of the Mayor

While the override overwhelmingly passed, with 67% of voters in favor, we do not want to lose sight of the voters who were not in support of this override. We know that the passage of a ballot question that adds to our residential and business tax base is straining to many tight budgets – but I pledge to continue working on ways to ensure Braintree remains affordable and family-friendly in the years ahead and we plan to put the override money to strategic use that will benefit us through more than just the next fiscal year.

I should have maybe noted one more first, my first Braintree Day (as Mayor). I want to thank all of those folks, and there are a whole bunch, that spend the off-season preparing for this big day. On Braintree Day we safely welcome thousands of people into Braintree to enjoy our parade and fireworks display thanks to our Police and Fire Departments and the Town looks beautiful thanks to the hard work of our DPW crews. A shout out also goes to the 85 Parade Groups marching, the 35 parade volunteers helping, and the Braintree

Day Planning Committee for crushing it yet again. I’m definitely looking forward to snagging some tootsie rolls on the parade route – anyone else have a favorite parade-day candy?

While many of you hopefully enjoy some time in the sun this summer – my team is gearing up to spend July and August hard at work on leveling-up our Capital Plan for FY25. Our new Capital Plan, which will roll out this fall, will outline all our town facilities, planned investments at those facilities, needed improvements, prioritization, and a five-year outlook for funding. Keep an eye to this newsletter and future Town Council meeting dates to learn more and get involved.

Erin V. Joyce
Mayor of Braintree



**FREE MEALS FOR KIDS + TEENS 18 AND UNDER.
NO REGISTRATION OR I.D. REQUIRED**

**FREE
FOOD
HERE**

DATE	July 1st through August 16 (closed July 4th and 5th)
TIME	Breakfast: 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM Lunch: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM
ADDRESS	Hollis Elementary School Ross Elementary School



FIND A MEAL SITE NEAR YOU AT
www.projectbread.org/summereats



To reach out to the Mayor Joyce directly, please contact mayorsoffice@braintreema.gov or call 781-794-8100.



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Town Hall is open Mon, Wed, Thur:
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Tue: 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM, and Fri: 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM