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From the Desk of the Mayor

Fall is certainly in the air and the feeling of holidays around the corner has set in. We are looking forward to seeing you and your families at our Town Hall Trunk or Treat on the Saturday after Halloween, giving you the perfect chance to extend the life of your costume and to grab some last chance candy.

For the past month I've had the privilege and pleasure of visiting many of our schools with Superintendent Jim Lee and I have witnessed our students, faculty and staff dedicated to learning and teaching. Along with the daily work of educating more than 5,000 students, BPS is busy with several time-sensitive initiatives. We have the Superintendent search kicking off later this month; a town-wide redistricting plan underway, with the guidance of specialists; and continued conversations around how to address the staggering amount of maintenance issues at our aging school buildings. We have a hard-working Town-side maintenance team keeping us running, but it is time to make some tough decisions and discuss trade-offs in our district.

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Mayor Erin Joyce and husband Michael attended the New England Wildlife Centers 40th Anniversary Gala on September 19, 2024 at Granite Links Golf Course.

PUMPKIN HUNT

Get ready for some fall fun! We're hosting a Pumpkin Hunt throughout our newsletter. Hidden within the content are 10 pumpkins just waiting to be discovered.

Once you find all 10, bring your newsletter to Town Hall to claim a special TREAT! Happy hunting, and may the best pumpkin seekers win!





MONATIQUOT RIVER RESTORATION

The Restoration Project is nearing completion – both the Ames and Armstrong Dam have been removed. The Fish Ladder has been installed.

On September 18th 2024, Massachusetts River Alliance hosted a 'Dam Myth Busters 101' event which allowed around 30 people from various federal, state, and local agencies and local community members to walk along the site where both the Ames Dam and the Armstrong Dam used to cross the Monatiquot River. With their absence and with the presence of a new fish ladder we have been able to welcome River Herring back to the community.

The final stages of the project will bring an observation platform overlooking the fish ladder and a boardwalk trail accessible to the public.



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As an example of this, our decision to keep six neighborhood elementary schools functional may result in sacrificing educational programming and other town services in the face of limited fiscal resources and sluggish economic growth over the past few years.

We've got a lot going for us right now and I've met with many local leaders and business owners who are excited to figure out ways to bring successful partnerships to Braintree. Many of these conversations are promising and will help to kickstart the productivity of our commercial areas throughout town.

We have several upcoming projects pending at the South Shore Plaza — including Lululemon! — and the Granite Plaza will be welcoming two new businesses. Losing Chick-fil-a at Ivory Street was disappointing, but other businesses have already expressed their interest in the site.

With these economic hubs evolving we will be bringing more tax-paying resources into Town to boost our bottom line.

One way to stay informed about school and development projects is to participate in our town meetings. Residents are welcome to attend — either in-person or virtually — Planning Board meetings, School Committee meetings, and more.

With so much going on, I want to thank you for taking some time to read our October newsletter. I hope you are enjoying this new resource and step away better informed about our wonderful home.

Erin V. Joyce
Mayor of Braintree



Calling All Braintree & Surrounding Town Residents
ELECTRONIC WASTE DAY

Help the environment and your community & safely dispose of your old electronics

Saturday, October 19th 2024 | 9am - Noon | 74 Pond St

NEW!

HOME PICKUP AVAILABLE TO BRAINTREE RESIDENTS!
For a \$75 fee, the Rotary Club will come to your house on Friday October 18 to get your electronics. Payment is due upon pick up. Call 781-917-4765 to schedule your pickup!



Cash/Check/Credit/Venmo



braintreerotary.org



Thank you to the
Town of Braintree

- \$5**

 - Wires & Cords
 - Portable Digital Stereos
 - Music Players
 - Speakers
 - Game Consoles
 - Cell Phones & Chargers
 - Keyboards & Mice
 - Electronic Instrument
- \$10**

 - VCR/DVD Players
 - Computer Towers
 - Projectors
 - Printers & Copiers
 - Irons & Toasters
 - Scanners
 - Coffee Makers
 - Networking Equipment
- \$25**

 - Microwave Ovens
 - Air Conditioners
 - Monitors
 - De-humidifiers
 - Fax Machines
 - TV's up to 25"
 - Laptops/Tablets
 - TV's over 25" \$35 ea.



Most small household electronics that can be plugged in



All proceeds benefit the Braintree Rotary Club which are reinvested in the community!



No hazardous waste

Farmers Market

TOWN HALL 9AM-1PM

October 5

October 12

(last one of the regular season!)

Special Thanksgiving

Holiday Market

November 23, 2024



Curbside Yard Waste Pickups - FALL 2024

The Fall 2024 Curbside Yard Waste collection will be on your regular collection day during the weeks of:

October 21 & 28

November 4, 11, 18, 25

December 2





HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday, November 2
1 PM - 3 PM
Braintree Town Hall



**Trunk
or Treat**



Candy



**Face
Painting**



Music



Prize for best trunk

Costumes encouraged 🍁

Email ehume@braintreema.gov to register your trunk!
Attendees do not need to register!

NEW ENGLAND WILDLIFE CENTERS PRESENTS...



NIGHT OF 1000 FACES



OUR NATURE TRAIL WILL COME ALIVE WITH 1,000 LIT UP PUMPKINS, EACH CARVED INTO MASTERPIECES! STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES AND GET READY TO SPREAD THE SPOOKY SPIRIT. ALONG WITH TASTY TREATS, HOSPITAL TOURS, AND ANIMAL PRESENTATIONS - THIS IS AN EVENT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25 & 26 | 6:30-8PM
ALL AGES!

500 COLUMBIAN ST
WEYMOUTH, MA 02190

BRAINTREE'S

Festival of TREES



Participate in the Magic

BRAINTREE'S FESTIVAL OF TREES

December 5 – 8, 2024

- Decorate your own unique tree.
- Trees will be displayed inside Braintree Town Hall.
- Pick your own theme, lights, decorations, and topper.
- Decorations, prizes, gift certificates, etc. are placed on and under the trees
- Trees will be raffled off to event goers.
- Set up will be December 3 & 4
- Applications due November 7

For more information on becoming a sponsor, email bfortrees@gmail.com. Braintree's Festival of Trees is a pending 501(c)3 Nonprofit Organization.



MEETINGS AROUND TOWN

**Planning Board
Monthly Meeting**
October 8, 2024,
7:00 PM
@Cahill Auditorium

**Community Preservation
Monthly Meeting**
October 28, 2024,
5:00 PM
@ Currently meeting
virtually via Zoom

**Conservation
Commission
Monthly Meeting**
October 10, 2024,
7:00 PM
@Johnson Chambers

**Zoning Board of Appeals
Regular Meeting**
October 28, 2024,
7:00 PM
@Johnson Chambers

**Town Council
Meeting**
October 15, 2024,
7:30 PM - 10:00 PM
@Cahill Auditorium

VOTE

Election Day

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2024

October 26:
Last Day to Register to Vote by 5 PM

October 29:
Last Day to Vote by Absentee Ballot

November 5:
Election Day | 7 AM - 8 PM

Voting Center

Braintree Highschool
East Middle School
South Middle School

District

1A-1B-2A-2B
3A-3B-4A-4B
5A-5B-6A-6B

MEET THE NEW TOWN STAFF



Meaghan Parsons

Meaghan Parsons has joined the Mayor's Office as Communications Coordinator. Meaghan is a recent graduate of Loyola University and holds a bachelor's degree in global studies and communication with a specialization in journalism. She will be an invaluable asset as we work to improve our communication strategies and connect with residents effectively.

*To get in touch with Meaghan,
please email mparsons@braintreema.gov.*



Brendan Croak

Brendan Croak has joined the Recreation Department as Director. Brendan comes to us with extensive experience in the recreation field, most recently serving as the Recreation Director in Walpole. We are confident that his leadership will help elevate our recreational offerings.

*To get in touch with Brendan,
please email bcroak@braintreema.gov.*

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

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