

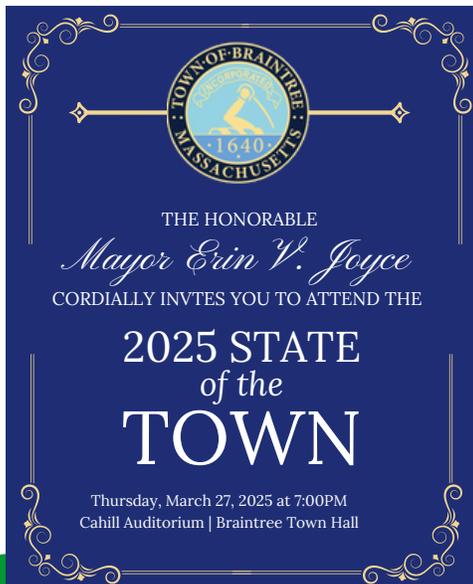


# THE 02184

## From the Desk of the Mayor

My family has a whiteboard in our kitchen for monthly activities and Pearson labeled March with the age-old saying "in like a lion, out like a lamb", reminding us that windy and stormy early-March leads the way to warmth and spring flowers. I do not know about you, but I cannot wait for longer days, warm weather, and tulips!

In Braintree this month we are gearing up for my first State of the Town address on the evening of March 27th. I am looking forward to sharing with the community all that we have been up to in the last year and where we look forward to going in the years ahead. Our State of the Town will be televised by BCAM and I have a few surprises to share as we roll out some new economic development strategies in Town. Braintree is truly the BEST Town on the South Shore to live, work, play and stay and I want to share with you all the reasons why I feel so fortunate to have been serving as your Mayor over the last year.



We have so much to share in our March newsletter – from recent trail signage installations along the Monatiquot River Walk to information about recent Pedestrian Safety improvements in South Braintree Square! I am happy to use this Newsletter to provide more information to our residents regarding projects happening around Town that sometimes go unnoticed. If you love what you see in our Newsletters, or have ideas for improvement, I hope you will consider the included link to our "02184 Feedback Form".

I hope you enjoy the month ahead as we start to thaw out from winter, and I look forward to seeing many of you at the State of the Town – which we welcome all to attend!

## Shamrock Hunt

We're hosting a Shamrock Hunt throughout our newsletter. Hidden within the content are 10 shamrocks waiting to be discovered by lucky residents. Once you find all 10, bring your newsletter to Town Hall to claim a special prize! Happy hunting, and may the best seekers win!



# MONATIQUOT RIVER MIDDLE STREET LOOP TRAIL

## Open Space and Accessibility

The Braintree Planning Department has been working to put the finishing touches on our Middle Street Loop Trail. If you have yet to visit it is a great trail which highlights some of our open space that is ADA accessible. Recent work included adding QR markers (6 total) along the trail.

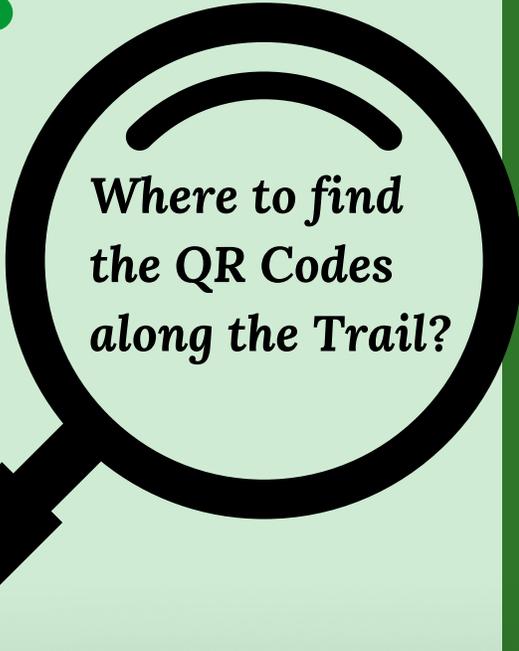
The area for the Monatiquot River Middle Street Loop Trail was acquired by the town in 2018 with a vision to provide improved access to the Monatiquot River. As our recent Master Plan noted, residents are interested in additional opportunities to access and walk along the river. The QR codes highlight many interesting natural features along the loop and provide information about specific points of interest. The trail is about 1/3 of a mile long and it begins as a boardwalk and ramp, and transitions to a stabilized stone dust path. The Trail loops to an overlook area at the Monatiquot River. We hope you enjoy the new QR Code Trail markers as you learn more about the Monatiquot River Middle Street Loop in your neighborhood!



QR Markers Along the Trail



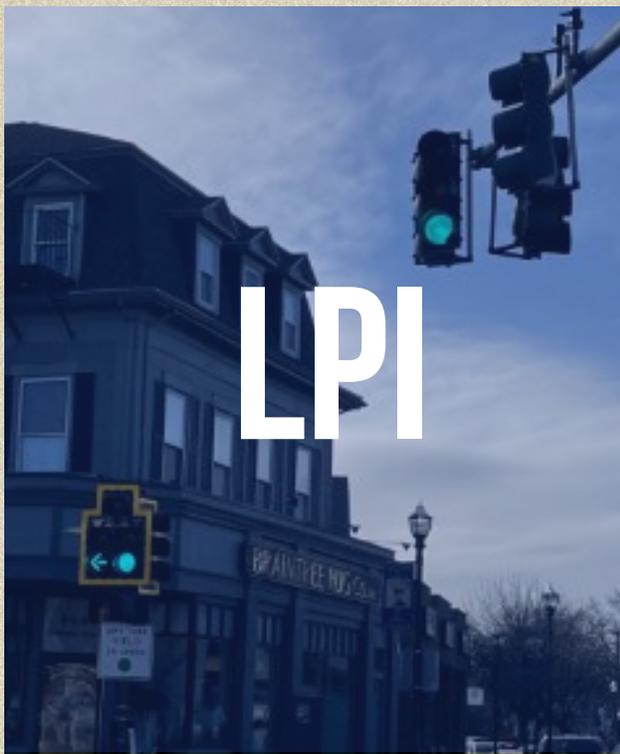
*Both the trail entrance and parking is available directly across from 46 Middle Street.*



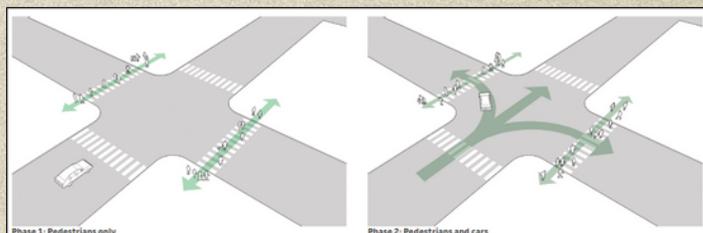
# CHANGES IN South Braintree Square



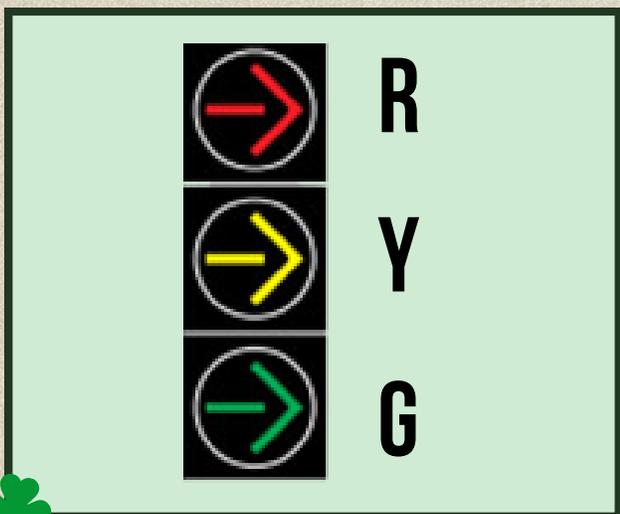
In South Braintree Square, modifications have been made to the traffic signal system to enhance the safety of pedestrians crossing the Washington Street at Hancock Street and Pearl Street intersection.



## PEDESTRIANS CROSS THEN TRAFFIC YIELDS



Lead Pedestrian Interval (LPI) have been installed at the Washington Street and Hancock Street crosswalks. This will give pedestrians a head start of 3 to 7 seconds before vehicles can turn. During an LPI, only the walk signal is lit up which increases the visibility of pedestrians to drivers and allows pedestrians who are slower to cross while drivers yield to them. This creates enhanced safety for our pedestrians, as we continue our work to make Braintree more walking friendly!



New signal heads for the traffic signals at Hancock Street and Washington Street will now include right turn arrow signals. This will allow the lights to have red, yellow, and green right turn signals. The right-turn lane signals will show a red arrow when the north-south crossing phase of Washington and Peart Street is activated. Once pedestrians have crossed, the right turn lane signals will show a green right arrow so vehicles can proceed. This is another safety measure to ensure pedestrians can cross the street while vehicles yield to them!



# BRAINTREE WATER CONSUMER PORTAL

The Water Department is excited to offer a consumer water portal to empower you to monitor and manage your water consumption from any device with internet access, 24/7.



[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR THE CONSUMER PORTAL](#)

## The Consumer Water Portal allows Residents to...

- Easily view and manage your water usage 24/7
- Access from any desktop, laptop, tablet, or mobile device
- Monitor multiple properties from one account
- Manage multiple meters to get a better understanding of your water usage
- Set out-of-town alerts to monitor consumption and detect potential leaks
- Create water threshold alerts to set a water budget, help save water, and eliminate bill surprises

## Need help activating your account?



**LEARN MORE**

Watch this step by step video on how to set up your account [here](#), or call the Braintree Water Department at **781-794-8097**



The meter pictured above will give some data to the consumer water portal depending on the year it was installed.



The meter pictured above will give all the data to the consumer water portal.

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



## DEPUTY CHIEF MICHAEL WANT

The Town of Braintree welcomes back Braintree Police's Deputy Chief Michael Want after serving our country overseas for the past year. Deputy Chief Want is the Chief of Operations and the Public Information Officer at Braintree Police Department and has been in this role since 2020. He has served in the US Marine Corps Reserve as a mortar man since 1994. Want has been with the Braintree Police since 2004. He is pictured on the left with his son Kevin. Welcome home Deputy Chief!



## RYAN EGAN - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ryan Egan has joined the Mayor's Office as the Town's first Economic Development Manager. Ryan has served under several mayors within Massachusetts, most recently serving as Chief of Staff to the Mayor of Marlborough. He has also served seven years as a Councilor At-Large within the Town of Randolph. Ryan brings years of municipal experience and familiarity with the South Shore. As Economic Development Manager, Ryan will work closely with businesses, developers, and other community stakeholders to help Braintree expand its tax base and economic position on the South Shore. Ryan can be reached via email at [regan@braintreema.gov](mailto:regan@braintreema.gov) or by phone at (781) 794-8155.



## PROMOTION OF CAPTAIN DANIEL RYAN

Captain Ryan is a Braintree native and attended Braintree Public Schools. Captain Ryan has been a Braintree firefighter since 1994, following in the footsteps of his father Daniel R. Ryan, his grandfather Daniel B. Ryan and his great uncle John I. Ryan. He is now stationed at Engine 3 at Ryan Station, the fire house dedicated to his grandfather. Next year will mark 100 years with a member of the Ryan Family in the Braintree Fire Department. Pictured to the left is Ryan Station and Engine 3.

# BRAINTREE RECREATION

## SOCCER STARS

74 Pond Street  
February 15th - April 12th  
Ages: 18 months - 4 years old  
Click [here](#) for more information

## KIDS ART NIGHT OUT

Braintree Community Art Center  
March 7 | 6:00PM-8:00PM  
Grades K-5  
Click [here](#) for more information

## OPEN STUDIO ADULT ART

Braintree Community Art Center  
March 11 | 11:30AM - 1:30PM  
Ages 18 and Older  
Click [here](#) for more information

## HALF DAY FUN DAY

Location TBD  
March 27 | 12:45AM - 4:45PM  
Ages: 7 years old - 13 years old  
Click [here](#) for more information

## ROCK CLIMBING CLINIC

Central Rock Gym  
March 26 - April 30  
Ages 7 - 12  
Click [here](#) for more information

*For more information on programs run by the Braintree Recreation Department please reach out to Director Brendan Croak*

**BCROAK@BRAINTREEMA.GOV**

**781-794-8910**



## SUMMER PROGRAMMING

Summer Programs Announcement | March 31 | Click [here](#) for more information

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in working for Braintree Recreation this summer? We are hiring for summer positions working with Nelson's Neighbors, or as a lifeguard, gate attendant, or CIT.

Click [here](#) for the summer employment application!



## THE BLUE BAG PROGRAM is back!

Come grab blue trash bags from the Mayor's Office to clean up spots around town! Let's keep Braintree clean together!

## Braintree Contributory Retirement System

Braintree Retirement has a new Director, Ryan Horan and new Assistant Director, Nu Pham.

Braintree Retirement aims to to serve their members and ensure that all employees and retirees of their system are well informed and taken care of all throughout employees careers.

# IT'S TIME TO LICENSE YOUR DOGS, BRAINTREE



All dogs 6 months and older must be licensed annually. Registration begins on April 1 and continues until June 30. Your dog must have a rabies vaccination within the last 3 years to be eligible for a license.

Register online by clicking [here](#) or visiting the Town Clerk's page of the website.

Need assistance licensing your dog?  
Call the Town Clerks Office: 781-794-8240

# BRAINTREE ELDER AFFAIRS



## Saint Patrick's Celebration March 17 at 11:00AM

Braintree Elder Affairs is hosting Bob Cameron for an Irish Concert. Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day with Irish Bread and a bagpipe performance. Wear your green and come celebrate!



## Discover Your Encore March 20 at 12:30PM

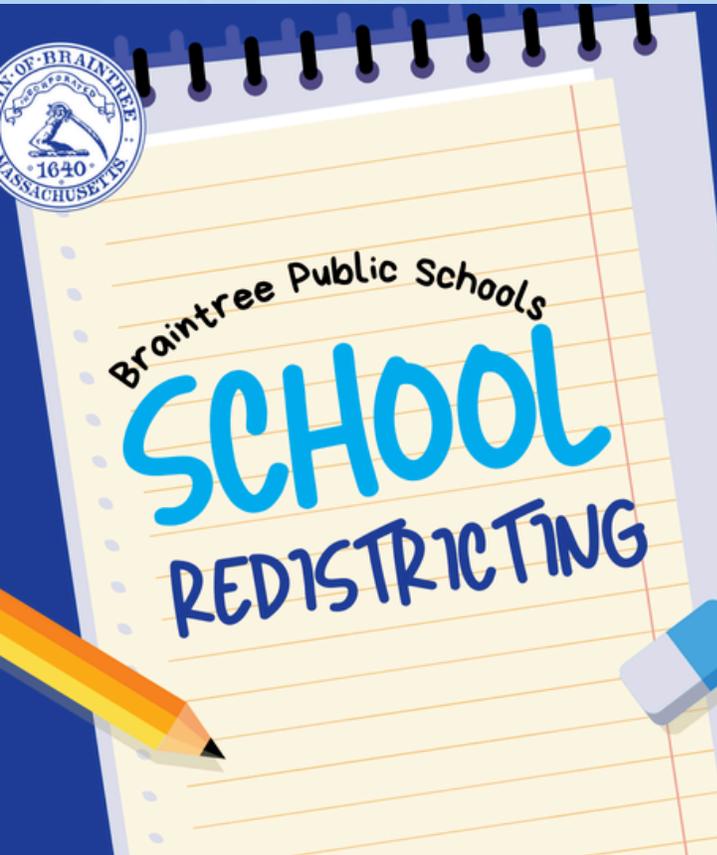
Braintree Elder Affairs will host a Discover Your Encore Lunch Program. This luncheon aims to educate, inspire, and motivate seniors to understand and explore the possibilities midlife and beyond. The program aims to present health aging through purposeful work with social impact.

## Benefits Specialist March 18

Nadia Montrond will visit Braintree Elder Affairs. She is the Benefits Support Specialist from South Shore Elder Affairs who can assist you with social security matters, long term care in Massachusetts, Medicaid applications and senior care programs for elders in the community who require care to remain at home.

Please call Elder Affairs at 781-848-1963 to sign up for any of these events

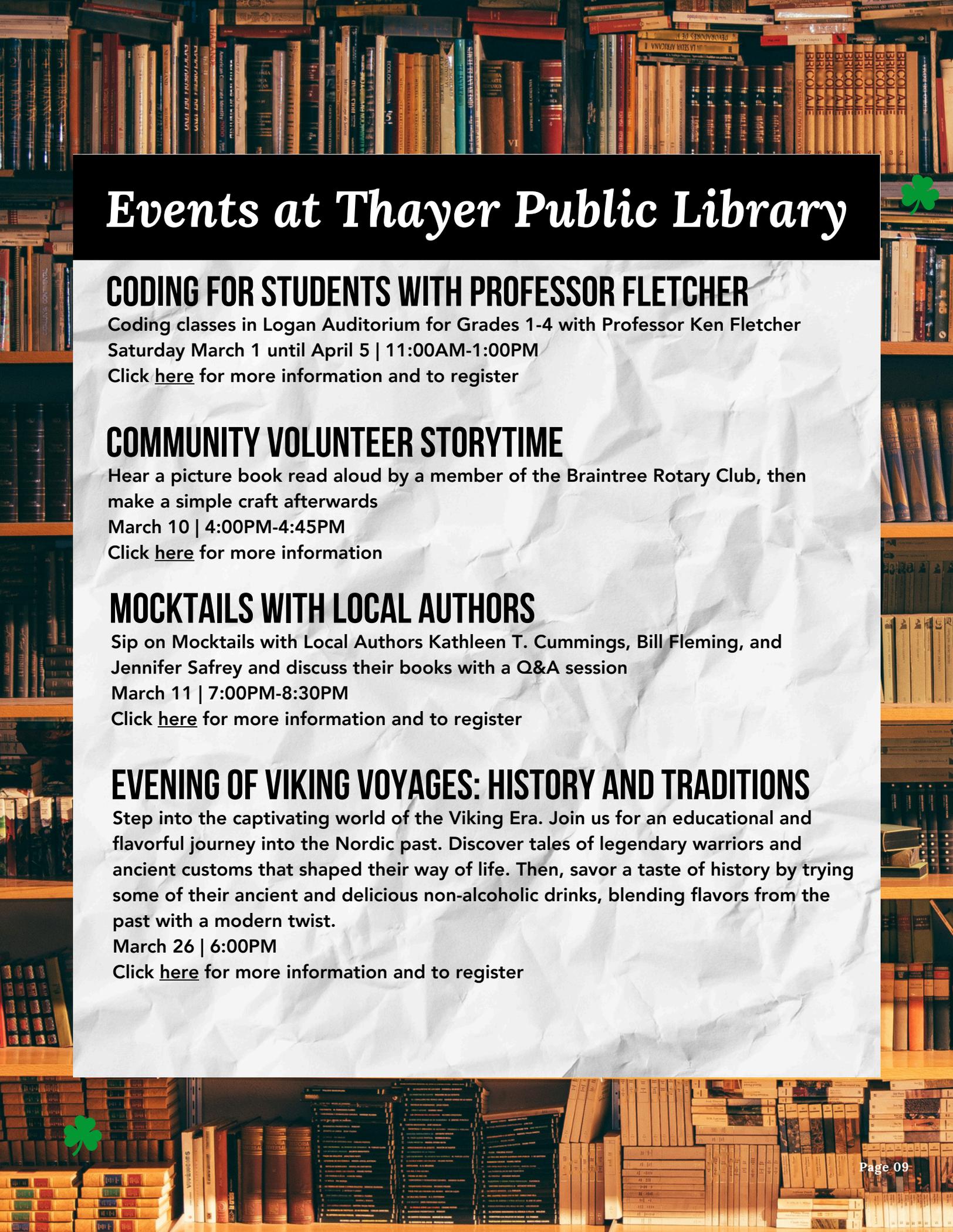
# BRAINTREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS REDISTRICTING EFFORTS



The Braintree School Committee continues to work through the process of potential redistricting, which may include elementary school closures, for the 2025-2026 school year. As discussions continue with the many stakeholders, one thing is for certain, we are all trying to hold on to the vibrant heart of our Town, the Braintree Public Schools, as we continue to face incredibly difficult financial realities. Residents are invited to participate in School Committee meetings during Public Comment and emails can be sent to [schoolcommittee@braintreeschools.org](mailto:schoolcommittee@braintreeschools.org) if you wish to provide feedback on this discussion.

**MARCH 17**

**6:30PM | Colbert Administrative Building**



# Events at Thayer Public Library

## **CODING FOR STUDENTS WITH PROFESSOR FLETCHER**

Coding classes in Logan Auditorium for Grades 1-4 with Professor Ken Fletcher  
Saturday March 1 until April 5 | 11:00AM-1:00PM  
Click [here](#) for more information and to register

## **COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER STORYTIME**

Hear a picture book read aloud by a member of the Braintree Rotary Club, then make a simple craft afterwards  
March 10 | 4:00PM-4:45PM  
Click [here](#) for more information

## **MOCKTAILS WITH LOCAL AUTHORS**

Sip on Mocktails with Local Authors Kathleen T. Cummings, Bill Fleming, and Jennifer Safrey and discuss their books with a Q&A session  
March 11 | 7:00PM-8:30PM  
Click [here](#) for more information and to register

## **EVENING OF VIKING VOYAGES: HISTORY AND TRADITIONS**

Step into the captivating world of the Viking Era. Join us for an educational and flavorful journey into the Nordic past. Discover tales of legendary warriors and ancient customs that shaped their way of life. Then, savor a taste of history by trying some of their ancient and delicious non-alcoholic drinks, blending flavors from the past with a modern twist.  
March 26 | 6:00PM  
Click [here](#) for more information and to register



# MEETINGS AROUND TOWN

**Community Preservation**  
**March 10, 2025, 5:00 PM**  
@Zoom

**School Committee**  
**March 17, 2025, 6:30 PM**  
@Cahill Auditorium

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**March 10, 2025, 6:30 PM**  
@Colbert Administration Building

**Town Council**  
**March 18, 2025, 7:00 PM**  
@Cahill Auditorium

**Planning Board**  
**March 11, 2025, 7:00 PM**  
@Cahill Auditorium

**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
**March 24, 2025, 7:00 PM**  
@Johnson Chambers



*We are looking for feedback on The 02184 Newsletter. Click the link below or visit The 02184 page of our website to let us know your feedback!*

 [The 02184 Feedback Form](#) 

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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

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