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We're proud to share that Mayor Joyce has officially appointed Frederick T. Viola as Braintree's new Fire Chief — and it couldn't be more well deserved.

Born and raised right here in Braintree, Chief Viola has been serving our town since 1991, when he started as a Firefighter/EMT. Over the years, he's taken on just about every role there is — from Public Information Officer to Medical Coordinator to Fire Lieutenant — always stepping up when the town needed him most. Most recently, he's led the department as Acting Fire Chief, helping bring stability, rebuild the budget, and lay the foundation for a strong, supportive team.

"I am confident that Chief Viola will continue to move the Braintree Fire Department forward in the years ahead," said Mayor Joyce.

From the Desk of the Mayor

This week, I had the pleasure of joining many members of our local government alongside our state partners – Governor Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll – to listen to an announcement for the Governor's new Mass Ready Act Bill.

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Chief Viola's appointment is a reflection of his lifelong commitment to public service and his unwavering dedication to our community. He also continues to grow as a leader — earning his Chief Fire Officer certification earlier this year from the Edward J. Collins Center for Public Management.

With over 30 years of hands-on experience and deep ties to Braintree, Chief Viola brings both heart and expertise to this new role. We're lucky to have him at the helm.

Please join us in celebrating Chief Viola at his official swearing-in ceremony on Friday, June 27 at 3 PM at Town Hall.





Braintree's July 4th Celebration

Saturday June 28, 2025

11:45 AM

Stars and Stripes Parade

Starts at 10 Plain Street and ends at Hollis School

Please note that Washington Street will be closed to traffic from Webster Rd to Plain Street from 11:15 AM for approximately 2 hours due to the July 4th parade. Any vehicles in the roadway will be towed starting at 8 AM.

4 PM

Celebration & Fireworks

at Braintree High School

Field Games • Petting Zoo • Face Painting • Food Trucks

4 - 9 PM

Live Music

9:30 PM

Fireworks

For more detailed info, visit:

BRAINTREES4TH.ORG

*Parade Line Up, Schedule of Events,
Food Vendors, Activities for All Ages,
How to Donate, How to Get Involved*



SUMMER

FUN WITH THE BRAINTREE RECREATION DEPARTMENT



NELSON CHIN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT SUNSET LAKE



**Live Music every Tuesday
June 24 - August 5
6 PM - 8 PM**

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.

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS AT FRENCH'S COMMON



**July 9 - Moana 2 (at dusk)
August 6 - Shrek (at dusk)**

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

PARTY IN THE PARK

**July 15 - Sunset Lake Concert
July 30 - Hollis Elementary School
July 31 - Smith Beach Concert**

Food | Music | Games | Entertainment

KID'S DAY AT FRENCH'S COMMON

**Friday, July 25
10 AM - 2 PM**



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

2025 REC ORGANIZED PLAYGROUNDS

FREE DROP-IN PROGRAM!



**Starting Monday, June 24
Highlands School, Lincoln Park,
French's Common, Harris/Perry Park**

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

Please note that while this is a drop in program, parents will be required to sign child(ren) in/out unless other written permission in advance has been given for the child(ren) to leave freely.

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.

LAST CALL!

Open sessions available!

- Nelsons's Neighbors: All Sessions
- Field Trip Clinic: Weeks 1, 2, & 5
- Kiddos Clinic: Weeks 1 & 6
- Sports Clinic: Weeks 1 & 6
- Code Wiz: All Sessions
- Intro to Guitar: July & August Sessions
- F.A.S.T. Athletics: 2 Sessions of Flag Football and 1 Session of Mini Sports



Outdoor Market Dates:

JUNE 14 - OCTOBER 11, 2025
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

Food Truck Wednesdays are here!



Join us **every Wednesday from 4:30-7:30 PM** at the Highlands "Blue Playground" (near South Street & CATS Academy) through August 27.

Grab a blanket, bring your appetite, and enjoy a rotating lineup of delicious trucks—check South Shore Food Truck Association socials each week to see who's rolling in!

Red Sox Night Out with Braintree Rec - 8/19



Let's root root root for the Red Sox. Enjoy a beautiful evening at Fenway Park. Seats are located in the left field grandstand.

Tickets are \$55 and include transportation. Bus leaves 74 Pond Street at 5:15 PM.

Limited Number of seats available. Please contact Braintree Recreation Office to register for tickets.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Town Council Meeting
July 8, 2025, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
@Cahill Auditorium

Town Council Meeting
August 5, 2025, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
@Cahill Auditorium

Planning Board
Monthly Meeting
July 8, 2025, 7:00 PM
@Johnson Chambers

Conservation Commission
Monthly Meeting
August 7, 2025, 7:00 PM
@Johnson Chambers

Conservation Commission
Monthly Meeting
July 10, 2025, 7:00 PM
@Johnson Chambers

Planning Board
Monthly Meeting
August 12, 2025, 7:00 PM
@Cahill Auditorium

Zoning Board of Appeals
Regular Meeting
July 28, 2025, 7:00 PM
@Johnson Chambers

Zoning Board of Appeals
Regular Meeting
August 25, 2025, 7:00 PM
@Johnson Chambers





TRASH & RECYCLING UPDATES

STARTING JULY 1, 2025

Curbside Trash Collection

New Annual Fee: \$250 per household

Senior Discount: \$65 per year (if eligible)

Trash Deposit Sticker

TEAL STICKER NEEDED

White sticker expires: June 30, 2025

New teal sticker required: Starting July 1, 2025

- **Cost:** \$25 (not included in curbside fee)
- **Must show:** Proof of Braintree vehicle registration
- **Get your sticker: Starting June 16, 2025**
 - Water & Sewer Dept.
(85 Quincy Ave)
 - Collector's Office, Town Hall
(1 JFK Memorial Dr, 1st Floor)
- **New option:** Add the \$25 fee to your Water & Sewer bill
- **Bonus:** Includes parking at Sunset Lake

One Load Permits

Reduced Fee: \$30 per load

Compost Bins

Fee remains: \$60 per bin

Extra Trash & Recycling Carts

- **Fee:** \$100 per additional cart (unchanged)
- Prorated based on purchase date
- **Important:** Must be up to date on Water, Sewer & Trash Collection bills to qualify

Drop-Off Locations

Trash & Recycling Center

257 Ivory Street, Braintree, MA
781-794-8088 (Recycling Office)

Compost Drop-Off Site

225 Plain Street, Braintree, MA
781-794-8955 (Highway Dept.)

Need Help?

CALL THE RECYCLING OFFICE AT 781-794-8088

Free

MEALS FOR ALL KIDS AND TEENS



FREE MEALS DON'T END WHEN SCHOOL IS OUT FOR SUMMER.



Braintree Summer Eats is Back!

Good news, this year, we've added a **NEW SITE**. Come check us out at the locations listed below:

- Hollis Elementary School (482 Washington Street)
- Morrison Elementary School (260 Liberty Street)
- Ross Elementary School (20 Hayward Street)

Breakfast Daily 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM
Lunch Daily 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

This year, we will have weekly crafts, activities and more!

We're open to everyone! So please join us!

Menus are available on the [district website](#).



FIND A MEAL SITE NEAR YOU:

projectbread.org/summereats
1-800-645-8333

**NO REGISTRATION
OR I.D. REQUIRED**



See Menus Here:

<https://schools.mealviewer.com/district/BraintreePublicSchools>



SUMMER HOURS

The summer season is here, and the Thayer Public Library is adjusting for the season.

Thayer officials said they will shift to summer hours starting Monday. **Library summer hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 AM to 8 PM., and Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM.**

The library will be closed on Saturdays from June 21 to Aug. 30.



**BPD WILL BE HOSTING A FREE RAD
SELF-DEFENSE PROGRAM
(4 DAY COURSE) TO THE
BRAINTREE COMMUNITY**

**LOCATION:
BRAINTREE POLICE DEPARTMENT
282 UNION STREET
DATES: 7/14, 7/16, 7/21 & 7/23
6 PM - 9 PM**

**AGE: MINIMUM OF 16 YEARS OF AGE
NO MAXIMUM AGE RESTRICTION
SEATS ARE LIMITED
REGISTRATION CLOSES JULY 2ND, 5PM**

**INTERESTED? EMAIL
JFCOONOLLY@BRAINTREEMA.GOV
(SUBJECT: RAD) FOR MORE DETAILS**

Desk of the Mayor

We were thrilled to be the host community for this announcement as we were able to celebrate the investment we recently made along our own Monaquot River in the heart of Braintree. Leaning into partnerships across all levels of local government ensures that communities, like Braintree, can bring infrastructure resiliency and climate disaster readiness projects to fruition. At this week's press conference, I was able to highlight, again, the Armstrong Dam removal and fish passage-way restoration project and – had the weather been a little cooler – we would have been on-site to see the new boardwalk and fish ladder in person! Luckily for all our residents – the boardwalk amenity is something we can easily enjoy daily! I recommend grabbing an ice-cream from Foley's, an iced coffee from Dunkin Donuts and maybe a snack from Richardi's or The Tree to enjoy on your walk.

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of joining our Braintree High School Class of 2025 graduates and their families at graduation. I want to extend congratulations to all of our graduates and especially to the families and educators that got them through their years at BPS. And 'caps off' to our administration for planning a wonderful (and efficient) ceremony, which dodged the raindrops on another rainy spring Saturday. I have to give it to Mother Nature- she likes to go from rainy to steamy every summer in New England and this year is no different.

I look forward to the summer pace these next few months – of course after Braintree Day festivities conclude on Saturday evening! I will be walking this year with my family and friends and look forward to seeing you along the Washington Street parade route. This year we will also have a special sticker and guest walkers – highlighting some of Braintree's rich history that sometimes gets forgotten! **Born in Braintree will be a common theme in the next year as we gear up to host our own 250th celebration of America's Independence next summer.** I cannot wait to share more on that in the months ahead!



BORN IN BRAINTREE

As I sign off this month and think about the upcoming events this summer – like Braintree Day, our Saturday Farmer's Market, the Sunset Lake concert series, all our wonderful Summer Camps and Activities, and for me, a lot of summer little league baseball – I can't help but want to steal a line from our incoming Superintendent Mr. Tim MacDonald:

Who has it better than us?
NOBODY.



Erin V. Joyce
Mayor of Braintree