



# THE 02184



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR



As I sit down to write my October newsletter message, I'm fresh off 5,000 steps around Pond Meadow Park on a warm and beautiful fall morning! I want to offer a very special thanks to our senior community for joining together this morning as we brought back our annual Senior Walk for Health and Fitness! Anyone who took part in today's walk can be happy to know that you beat the Mayor, Police Chief Tim Cohoon, and Finance Director Mike Esmond around the loop - good work! We are so happy to be bringing back some of our favorite community events this past year, including other favorites like the farm-to-table dinner hosted last month by Sustainable Braintree in the beautiful backyard of the Thayer House. What else would you like to see return? Let me know!

I know it is hard to imagine the chill of autumn and winter rolling in on a day like today, but now is a good time to start thinking about getting your home winter-ready. Our leaf compost site on Plain Street is bustling these days, and as a reminder, you need a current trash sticker to deposit lawn compost during open hours. As an added convenience to residents, we also have scheduled lawn waste pickup days throughout October and November! Any day now, I'll begin signing on our arsenal of contracted snow plow drivers, and notices for sidewalk snow removal requirements will be going out to our businesses. It is important to think about being a good neighbor, and if you see a way to lend a helping hand as snow rolls in, please do! Last year, our Recreation Department and Senior Center worked together to connect students to seniors to help with household tasks like leaf raking and snow shoveling - the program is still open, and if you have interest in participating, please contact either department to sign up or learn more.

Until the snowflakes fly, I'll be basking in whatever warmth and sun are left in October and listening to the new Taylor Swift on repeat! #LifeofaMayor 😊 I hope to catch many more bike-riding days with my boys, will cross my fingers for a few more warm Friday nights for flag football, and sneak in the last of the Farmer's Market on October 11th and Food Truck Wednesdays on October 29th.

**Erin V. Joyce**  
Mayor of Braintree

Trick or Treating Hours:  
Friday, October 31 from 4 PM to 8 PM



Thank you to all the older adults and town department heads for stepping out for the Senior Walk for Health and Fitness – a great day for community, connection, and staying active



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BRAINTREE IS  
**HIRING**  
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TEAM



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Braintree



Braintree  
Schools

For more information or to apply, scan the QR code or visit: [braintreema.gov/jobs](http://braintreema.gov/jobs) and [braintreeschools.schoolspring.com](http://braintreeschools.schoolspring.com)

# Trash and Recycling

## Yard waste collection

- Weeks of October 20 and 27
- Weeks of November 3, 10, 17, 24 and Dec 1

## Rotary electronic waste collection

- October 25

## Compost site drop off

225 Plain Street

## Household hazardous waste collection

Check website for additional information

## Bulk item pickup

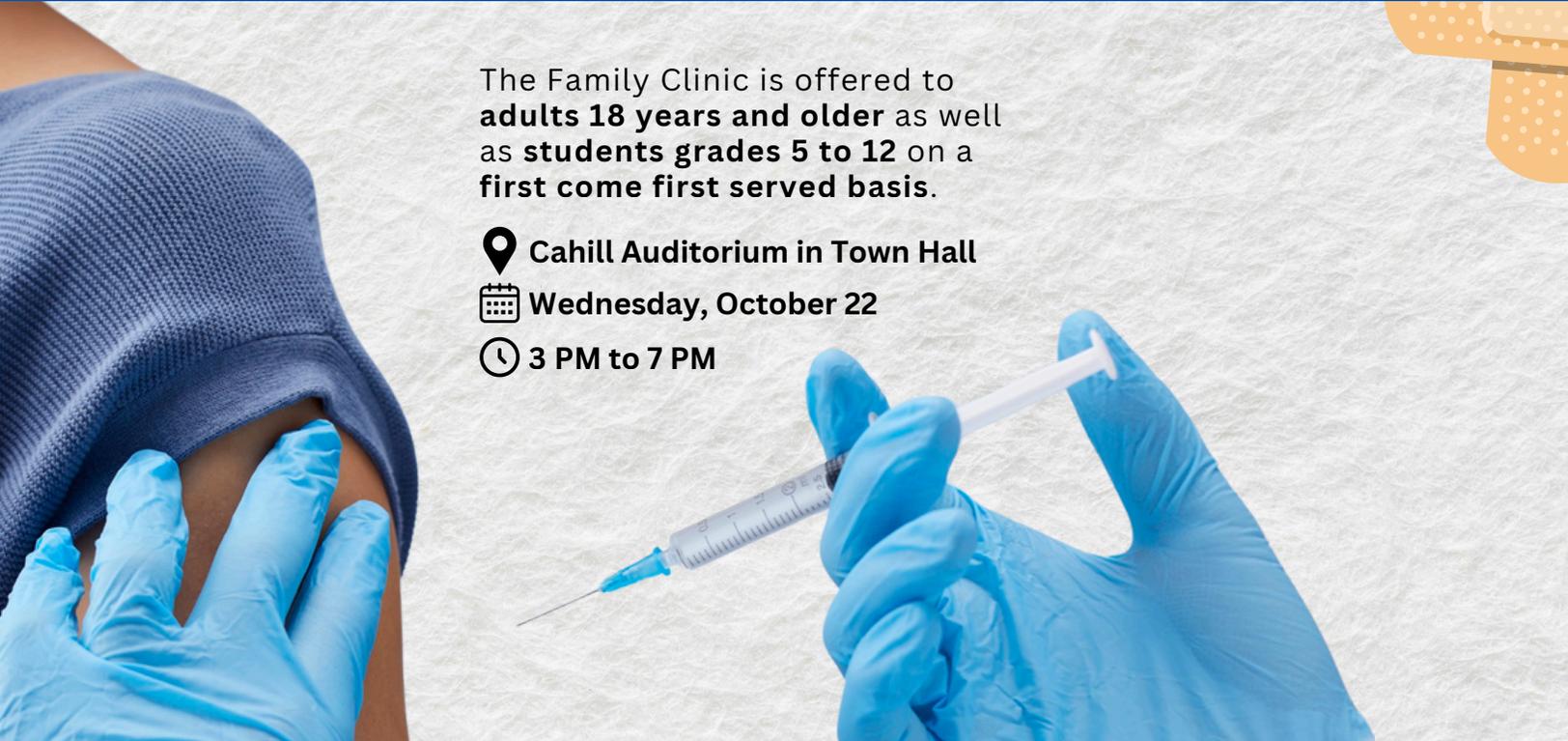
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# ★ ★ ★ VOTE ★ ★ ★

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

<b>October 24:</b> Last day to register to vote by 5 PM		<b>Voting Center</b> Braintree High School East Middle School South Middle School	<b>District</b> 1A-1B-2A-2B 3A-3B-4A-4B 5A-5B-6A-6B
<b>October 25:</b> Last day to vote by absentee ballot			
<b>November 4:</b> Election Day   7 AM - 8PM			

## FLU CLINIC



The Family Clinic is offered to **adults 18 years and older** as well as **students grades 5 to 12** on a **first come first served** basis.

- 📍 Cahill Auditorium in Town Hall
- 📅 Wednesday, October 22
- 🕒 3 PM to 7 PM



Please bring your health insurance cards.



# VETERANS SERVICES

## WHO ARE WE

The Braintree Department of Veterans Services is committed to honoring and supporting those who have served our country. Massachusetts stands apart as the only state that mandates a Veterans Service Officer (VSO) in every community—a unique and proud tradition.

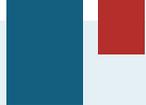
Here in Braintree, your VSO is available to assist all veterans and their families, whether you've recently returned from active duty or served in years past. We are here to make sure you know your rights, understand available benefits, and receive the recognition you deserve.

## WHAT WE DO

### Provides Support with Federal & State Benefits

- Chapter 115 Benefits – Financial assistance for low-income veterans, seniors, and unemployed veterans
- Veterans Bonus – For returning service members, especially after multiple deployments
- Property Tax Rebates – For "Citizen Soldiers" deployed while owning property in Braintree
- Gold Star Benefits – Annuities and tax exemptions for Gold Star parents and widows
- Disabled Veteran Tax Rebates – Available to eligible veterans or surviving spouses

All inquiries and applications are handled confidentially.



## WHO WE HELP

We proudly serve:

- Veterans of all eras and branches
- Returning active duty service members
- Spouses, dependents, and survivors of veterans
- Gold Star families

If someone you love is coming home from active duty, please notify our office. We want to properly welcome them and connect them with the support they need for a smooth transition to civilian life.

### Advise and Give Guidance

- Accessing VA medical care
- Applying for service-related disability benefits
- Requesting discharge papers and military records
- Navigating Aid and Attendance for in-home or assisted living care
- Understanding death benefits and military burial options
- Accessing GI Bill education benefits

## VETERAN RESOURCE DROP-OFF

Support our local veterans through the resource drop-off at the Veterans Center.

### Facebook

Town of Braintree Veterans Services

### Phone

781-794-8217

### Website

[braintreema.gov/166/Veterans-Services](http://braintreema.gov/166/Veterans-Services)

# VETERANS SERVICES

*Mark your calendars*  
**for our upcoming events**

## **U.S. Navy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

Cahill Auditorium  
Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM

## **Housing for WWII Veterans in Braintree Presentation**

Braintree Town Hall  
Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM

## **Holbrook COA Veteran Appreciation Day**

Holbrook COA  
Wednesday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM

## **U.S. Marine Corps 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

Cahill Auditorium  
Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM

## **Braintree Elks Annual Veterans Day Ceremony**

Braintree Elks Lodge  
Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM

## **Avon Veterans Breakfast**

Avon VFW  
Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – Time TBD

## **Braintree Veterans Day Ceremony**

Braintree Town Hall  
Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM

## **Pearl Harbor Ceremony**

USS SALEM  
Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – Time TBD

## **VETERANS CRISIS SUPPORT**

### **Are you a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one?**

To connect with a Veterans Crisis Line responder anytime day or night:

- Dial 988 then Press 1
- Start a confidential chat
- Text 838255
- If you have hearing loss, call TTY: Dial 711 then 988



## **POW/MIA RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

Thank you to everyone who attended the POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony on September 19. We gathered to honor those who bravely fought for our country but never made it home, and whose memory will forever burn in our hearts. They will never be forgotten.

A special thanks to the family of Dan Clifford, a former Braintree Councilor and proud advocate, who has since passed away. We are grateful for their presence as we remembered and honored his commitment and legacy.

## **VETERANS GRAVE REGISTRATION**

We ensure every veteran buried in Braintree receives an American flag at their grave. If a family member or loved one has passed and is being interred locally, please fill out the Veterans Grave Registration Form and return it to our office.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **George Andes**

Veterans Service Officer  
781-794-8217

### **Paul Marshall**

Clerical Assistant  
781-794-8218

### **Hours**

Mon-Thu: 8 AM-4 PM  
Fri: 8 AM-1 PM

### **Address**

30 Foster Road  
Braintree, MA 02184

# The Best Stormwater Idea in New England

## Stormy Award 2024

### “Visualizing Stormwater Infiltration Through Art”

Award-Winning Project Highlights the Power of Art and Community Engagement in Stormwater Management.



We are thrilled to announce that Hillary Waite, Stormwater Manager for the Department of Public Works, has been recognized with the 2024 Best Stormwater Idea Award at the New England Stormy Awards!

This distinguished award, presented by the New England Stormwater Collaborative—a partnership of the New England Water Works Association, New England Water Environment Association, and the New England Chapter of the American Public Works Association—honors innovative municipal stormwater programs across the region.



Hillary’s award-winning submission, titled “Visualizing Stormwater Infiltration Through Art,” showcases the Stormwater Division’s unique public outreach project, which uses custom-designed artwork to help the community better understand subsurface stormwater control measures. Her creative approach bridges the gap between technical infrastructure and public awareness through visual storytelling.

# ELDER AFFAIRS



## OCTOBER EVENTS

### BELD Breakfast

October 1  
Session 1: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM  
Session 2: 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM

### Mah Jongg Tournament

October 2 @ 9:30 AM  
Call 781-843-0686 to register

### Ornament Workshop

October 6 @ 1 PM

### Senior Walk for Health and Fitness

October 7 @ 9:30 AM

### Low Vision Support Group

October 7 @ 10 AM

### Sheriff McDermott Presents: Support Programs

October 16 @ 12:30 PM

### Manicure and Pedicure

October 17

### Book Club: "The Light We Lost" by Jill Santopolo

October 17 @ 10:30 AM

### Medicare Open Enrollment Presentation

October 21 @ 1 PM

### Crafts with Ginny and Nancy – Watercolor

October 27 @ 1 PM

### Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group

October 28 @ 4 PM

### Enrich, Empower, and Thrive

October 29 @ 2 PM – 4 PM

### Halloween Movie and Costume Party – Watching "Coco"

October 31 @ 12:30 PM

**Please note: All events are exclusively for Braintree's older adult residents, and RSVP is required to attend. Please call to confirm your attendance. [Click for full newsletter.](#)**

## REOCCURING EVENTS

### Corn Hole

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 1 PM

### Bocce

Every Monday at 10 AM

### Card Games

Every Wednesday  
Hand and Foot at 10 AM  
Canasta at 10:30 AM

### Tai Chi/Qi Gong

Every Friday at 9:15 AM

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Phone:** 781-848-1963

**Address:** 71 Cleveland Ave Braintree,  
MA 02184



# THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Adult Programs

### Booktober Library Crawl

All month | All ages

### Movie - The Penguin Lesson

October 1 | 2 PM - 4 PM

October 1 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

### Board Game Night

October 6 | 7 PM - 8:30 PM

### Consumer Reports (free at home with your library card)

October 8 | 2 PM - 2:30 PM

### Free Blood Pressure Screening

October 8 | 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

### Fall Craft Supply Swap

October 11 | 11 AM - 2:30 PM

### English Conversation Circle

October 11 | 3 PM - 4 PM

### Fall Concert: Songs and Stories of the American Songwriters 1960s-1970s

October 18 | 3 PM - 4 PM

### Kanopy (free streaming with your library card)

October 30 | 6 PM - 6:45 PM

### Meet John Adams

October 25 | 2 PM - 3 PM

## Teen Programs

### Teen Advisory Group

October 8 | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

### Teen Craft and Chat

October 21 | 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

## Children's Programs

### Family Movement & Mindfulness

Wednesdays 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM

### Comics-Making Club

October 14 | 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

### Make a Halloween House

October 16 | 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

### Trick or Treat: Signs and Sweets

October 29 | 5 PM - 7 PM

## Local Authors Events

### Coffee with Local Authors

October 4 | 11 AM - 12:30 PM

### Mocktails with Local Fantasy/Horror Authors

October 14 | 7 PM - 8:30 PM

[thayerpubliclibrary.org](http://thayerpubliclibrary.org)



# Braintree Recreation

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## upcoming events

- **Central Rock Gym Climbing Clinic**

Wednesdays October 15–November 19 | 5 PM–7 PM | Ages 7–12

- **Trunk or Treat**

October 25 | 1 PM–3 PM | Town Hall

- **DIY Candle Making with AC & DC Family Crafting**

October 27 | 6 PM–8 PM | Braintree Municipal Golf course | Ages 18+

- **Code Wiz 6 week classes**

Mondays October 27–December 1 | Braintree Community Arts Center

Minecraft coding | 4 PM–5 PM

Roblox Game Development | 5:15 PM–6:15 PM

## hours

Mon, Wed, Thu – 8:30 AM–4:30 PM

Tue – 8:30 AM–7 PM

Friday – 8:30 AM–4:30 PM



## contact info

**Address** – 74 Pond Street  
Braintree, MA 02184

**Email** – [recreation@braintreema.gov](mailto:recreation@braintreema.gov)

**Phone** – 781-794-8946



# UPCOMING MEETINGS



**School Building Committee**  
October 6, 2025, 5 PM  
*@Colbert Administrative Building*

**Conservation Commission**  
October 9, 2025, 7:00 PM  
*@Johnson Chambers*

**Historical Commission**  
October 6, 2025, 5:30 PM  
*Check meeting notes for location*

**Planning Board**  
October 14, 2025, 7:00 PM  
*@Cahill Auditorium*

**Braintree School Committee**  
October 6, 2025, 6:30 PM  
*@Colbert Administrative Building*

**Town Council Meeting**  
October 21, 2025, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
*@Cahill Auditorium*

**Commission on Disabilities**  
October 6, 2025, 6:30 PM - 8 PM  
*@Zoom*

**Community Preservation**  
October 27, 2025, 5:00 PM  
*@Zoom*

**Town Council Meeting**  
October 7, 2025, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
*@Cahill Auditorium*

**Zoning Board of Appeals**  
October 27, 2025, 7:00 PM  
*@Cahill Auditorium*



We are looking for feedback on The 02184 Newsletter.  
Click the link below to let us know how it can be improved!



[The 02184 Feedback Form](#)



## Braintree Town Hall

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Braintree, MA 02184  
781-794-8000  
[www.braintreema.gov](http://www.braintreema.gov)

**Town Hall Hours**  
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Tue: 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM  
Fri: 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM