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The Town of Braintree's Newsletter

DECEMBER 2025 ISSUE 14

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

Happy December! Now that it's getting colder, I hope the misty mornings come again. November has been such a joyous month full of celebrations. We held our **Marine Corps 250th Birthday Celebration** on Friday, November 7. Thank you to everyone who joined and made it much more special. Following that, we had our **Veterans Day Ceremony**, where I was so happy to see our Town come together. Our guest speaker, **Sergeant Timothy Connors, U.S. Marine Corps**, delivered a moving speech about the importance of community and belonging. If you didn't get a chance to attend, I encourage you to watch it on [BCAM](#). I feel that sense of community more and more with each event where our folks show up and celebrate one another—so thank you for that!

Congratulations to all the newly elected Town Councilors, re-elected councilors, board members, and committee members! And thank you to all our retiring officials, especially **School Committee Chair Lisa Fiske-Heger**, and **School Committee member Matthew Lynch**, for your dedication to making our schools better. Thank you as well to our retiring **Town Councilors, Charles Ryan and Shannon Hume**, and to **Albion Fletcher** of the **Housing Authority** for your service to our community.

I also want to recognize **Lisa Fiske-Heger** for receiving **MASC's Lifetime Achievement Award for 2025**, honoring her dedication to advocating for Braintree's youth and her many years of service on the School Committee. Lisa has dedicated over 30 years of service to the Town of Braintree, and this award is a well-deserved acknowledgment of her commitment. We're also looking for the community to participate in the **School's Master Facilities Planning Process**. We want to hear your voices in our planning process over the next six months. You can learn more about this project on Page 6.

We've received so many generous donations in the month of November. Thank you to everyone who dropped off items for the Town's Food Drive in collaboration with the Marge Crispin Center to help our friends and neighbors in need.

As the days grow colder and we prepare for winter, be sure to check out our **Snow and Ice Removal Tips on Page 5**. While we have many events coming up this month, I want to invite everyone to Town Hall for our **Annual Tree Lighting** this **Thursday, December 4, at 5 PM** to kick off the festivities!

Erin V. Joyce
Mayor of Braintree

Braintree **ALERTS**

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to receive emergency alerts by email, phone or text at

braintree.ma.gov/1249/Alerts-Notifications



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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 and braintreeschools.schoolspring.com

Trash and Recycling

Yard waste collection

- Last week: December 1

Holiday schedule

- December 25
- January 1

Compost site drop off

225 Plain Street

Household hazardous waste collection

Check website for additional information

Bulk item pickup

Capitolws.com click "schedule"



Voluntary Pilot Program

The Town of Braintree will cover the setup fee (\$37) for the first 104 participants. Preregistration is required, and the program will begin once 104 residents have enrolled.



**COMPOST. GROW.
EAT. REPEAT**

Sustainable Food
Scrap Collection
and Composting

Pricing for curbside pick-up

- Weekly service \$230 per year, billed monthly or annually by Black Earth Compost. Costs will decrease as more residents sign up.
- Biweekly service \$180 per year, billed quarterly by Black Earth Compost

Additional pickup services available to Black Earth compost customers include: electronics, textiles, plastic film, and more!

For more information on Black Earth Compost

blackearthcompost.com municipal@blackearthcompost.com [Sign Up](#)

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL TIPS

Help keep streets and sidewalks accessible for all pedestrians during winter by removing snow and ice and reporting unshoveled or icy sidewalks. If you are able, **please do your part to shovel out fire hydrants of snow and debris.**

- Clear sidewalks and accessible ramps next to your property at least 36 inches wide (preferably 48 inches wide) to bare pavement, enough for someone using a wheelchair, walker, or stroller to pass by.
- Clear snow to curb so trash/recycle crews can access your trash barrels.
- Stock up on ice melter before a storm. Use ice melter with calcium chloride (CaCl₂) if able.
- Consider helping neighbors who may have difficulty clearing their walk and shovel for them.
- Clear ramps at corners and crosswalks.

For information on snow emergencies and snow parking bans, keep an eye on Civic Alert, the town website, and social media accounts!

What does a cleared sidewalk look like?

TRY AGAIN...



GOOD JOB!



HIRE-A-TEEN

Local teens on the Town's Hire-A-Teen list are available to help with shoveling snow, yardwork, and other small tasks.

If you're a teen and you'd like to be on the Hire-A-Teen list, send your name and contact information to Recreation Director Brendan Croak.

Families or residents: If you'd like to hire a teen for snow removal or other tasks, visit the Recreation website to sign up.



bcroak@braintreema.gov | 781-794-8910

Please note that it is prohibited to push, plow, remove, dump or unload snow into any public or commonly used travel way within the Town. Fines of up to **\$300** per offense are possible, if snow is not cleared promptly and pedestrian pathways are not maintained.

Attention Snow Plow Drivers!

The Town of Braintree is looking for additional snow plow contractors.

The contract is available on the [Town Website](#) or you can reach out to the Highway Department at 781-795-8959 for additional information.



Shaping the Future of Learning in Braintree

Master Facilities Planning Process



Braintree is building a community-informed plan to determine *what needs to change* about our schools and learning environments to better meet the needs of students and educators—now and in the future.



SCAN FOR SURVEY

to share what's working well, what concerns you, and what you **hope to see in our schools moving forward.**



To learn more, visit: bpsfacilitiesplan.com

Call For INSTRUCTORS



**Braintree Community
Continuing Adult Education
(BCCAE) Seeks Individuals
Who Want To Share Their
Passions/Interests**



**Inquire Now About Teaching A
Spring 2026 Semester Class!!!**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Or Thursday Evenings
One-Evening/One-Session Class Or Multi-week Class**

**E-mail Us Today With Your Class Idea and Phone #:
continuinged@braintreeschools.org**

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Braintree Tree Lighting

December 4 | 5 PM | Town Hall

Festival of Trees

December 4-7 | Town Hall



The Annual Braintree Christmas Party and Toy Drive

December 10 | 6:30 PM | Leo's Events and Restaurant



Braintree Craft and Vendor Market

December 13 | 10 AM-3 PM | Town Hall

Braintree Choral Society Presents An American Christmas

December 14 | 3 PM | East Weymouth Congregational Church | \$20

TOWN HALL HOLIDAY HOURS

Christmas Eve | December 24 | 8:30 AM-12 PM

Christmas Day | December 25 | Closed

New Year's Eve | December 31 | 8:30 AM-12 PM

New Year's Day | January 1 | Closed

VETERANS SERVICES

Events

Pearl Harbor Ceremony

December 7 | 10 AM | USS SALEM in Quincy

Open House

December 19 | 11 AM-1 PM | 74 Pond Street

Updates

We just moved!

Address: 74 Pond Street

Food Pantry

If you or your family is in need of food, stop by Veterans Services!

Facebook

Town of Braintree Veterans Services

Phone

781-794-8217

Website

braintreema.gov/166/Veterans-Services

Hours

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

ELDER AFFAIRS

Events

Low Vision Support Group

December 2 | 10 AM

Festival of Trees

December 4 | Bus leaves Elder Affairs at 9:45 AM | Tour at 10 AM - 11 AM | Lunch at 11:30 AM

Plainridge Park Casino

December 10 | 10 AM

Spa Day

December 12

Meet with Mayor Joyce

December 15 | 1 PM

Therapy Gardens Presents: Boston Tea Party Tasting and Talk

December 16 | 11:30 AM | \$3

Book Club

December 19 | 10:30 AM

KevTech IT Classes

December 19 | 1:30 PM

Big Band Jazz

December 23 | Lunch at 12:30 PM | Performance at 1 PM

Crafts with Ginny and Nancy AirForm Clay Creations

December 29 | 1 PM | \$3

Magic of Illusionist Lyn Dillies

December 30 | 1 PM

***Call to sign up for events.**

Volunteer Opportunity

South Shore Elder Services(SSES) is **looking for volunteers** to deliver packaged meals to older adults within their service area. Mileage is reimbursed, and you can create your own schedule.

For more information, call SSES at 781-848-3910 or visit them online at: www.sselder.org/volunteer

Giving Tree

Spread some holiday cheer! Our Holiday Tree is outside with gift tags listing specific items for seniors in need. Pick a tag, purchase the item, and drop it off unwrapped at the front desk or Outreach Office. We'll wrap and deliver the gifts before Christmas. Thank you for making someone's holiday special!

Contact Info

Phone: 781-848-1963

Address: 71 Cleveland Ave

Hours: Mon - Fri, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

[Click for Elder Affairs Newsletters](#)

THAYER LIBRARY

ALL AGES

New Year's Eve Mask

December 31 | 10 AM-12 PM | Children's Room | All ages

CHILDREN

Mall Storytime for Children

December 1 | 10:30 AM-11:15 AM | Food Court's Play Area

Paper Ship Craft: Boston Tea Party Adventures

December 9 | 4 PM-5:30 PM | Ages 8+

Winter Hat Craft

December 15-24 | Children's Room | While supplies last

Storytime for Children

December 15 | 10 AM | Best for ages 2½-4

Family Board Games and Play

December 26 | 10 AM-12 PM | Children's Room

Artic Fox craft

December 29-31 | Children's Room | While supplies last

Comics-Making Club

December 29 | 1:30 PM | Ages 7-12

TEEN

Teen Craft and Chat

December 16 | 3:30 PM | Teen Room | Ages 12+

Teen Advisory Group

December 10 | 6:30 PM | Teen Room

ADULT

Board Game Night

December 1 | 7 PM-8:30 PM | Reading Room

Mystery/Suspense Book Club

December 2 | 7 PM-8 PM | Logan Auditorium

Genealogy Club

December 6 | Logan Auditorium or Zoom

A Toast to History: 3D Teacups & The Boston Tea Party

December 9 | 6:30 PM | Logan Auditorium

Navigating Grief Through the Holiday

December 18 | 6:30 PM

CONTACT INFO

Address: 798 Washington Street

Phone: 781-848-0405

Hours: Mon-Thur: 9 AM-9 PM

Fri-Sat: 9 AM-5 PM

Sunday: Closed

[Click for full calendar](#)

Recreation

Events

Kids Art Night Out (KANO)

December 5 | 6 PM | BCAC | Grades K-5

← January KANO registration goes live December 8

Super Soccer Stars

Session 1: December 6 – February 7 | Ages 2-6

Session 2: February 21 – March 28 | Ages 2-6

← Discount if you sign up for both sessions

Amazing Athletes

Session 1: December 6 – February 7 | Ages 3-5

Session 2: February 21 – March 28 | Ages 3-5

← Discount if you sign up for both sessions

Wicked Safety Training: CPR & First Aid Certification

December 18 | 1 PM – 5 PM | Locations: East & South | Grades 5-8

Open Gym

December 18 Half-day | 1 PM – 4 PM | Daughraty Gym | Grades 1-4

Ski and Snowboard Lessons

January 6 – February 10 | Ages 7-14 | Blue Hills

← Registration is live: bluehills.snowcloud.shop
Get the access code and pin on our social media or [website](#).

Central Rock Gym: Winter Climbing Clinic

January 7 – February 11 | Central Rock Gym

Broadway in Boston: The Sound of Music

January 13 | 6 PM | Citizens Opera House

← Great for holiday gifts!

Boston Celtics vs Phoenix Suns

March 16 | 6 PM | TD Garden | All ages

Summer Employee Job Application

The application goes live on our [website](#) on January 1

Contact Info

Phone: 781-794-8946

Email: recreation@braintreema.gov

Address: 74 Pond Street

Website: braintreema.myrec.com

Hours

Mon, Wed, Thu: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

Tue: 8:30 AM-7 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM-1 PM

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Historical Commission Monthly Meeting

December 1 | 5:30 PM | Check meeting notices for location

Commission on Disabilities

December 1 | 6:30 PM | Zoom

Committee on Elder Affairs and Veterans Services

December 1 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | Johnson Chambers

Committee on the Department of Public Works

December 2 | 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | Johnson Chambers

Town Council Meeting

December 2 | 7:30 PM - 9 PM | Cahill Auditorium

Board of Assessors

December 2 | 7:30 PM - 9 PM | Cahill Auditorium

Conservation Commission Monthly Meeting

December 4 | 7 PM | Johnson Chambers

Community Preservation Monthly Meeting

December 8 | 5 PM | Check agenda for location

Zoning Board of Appeals Regular Meeting

December 8 | 7 PM | Johnson Chambers

Planning Board Monthly Meeting

December 9 | 7 PM | Cahill Auditorium

Town Council with Committee of Ways and Means

December 9 | 6:00 PM | Johnson Chambers

Committee of Ways & Means

December 9 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | Johnson Chambers

Public Shade Tree Hearing

December 11 | 1 PM | 85 Quincy Avenue

Town Council Meeting

December 16 | 7:30 PM - 9 PM | Cahill Auditorium

[Click on the meeting for full details.](#)



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](#)



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www.braintreema.gov

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