



# THE 02184

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**Town Hall Hours**  
 Mon, Wed, Thur: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
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# FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

Happy New Year Braintree—from my family to yours! I have a feeling that 2026 is going to be a great year ahead! In 2026, we have a lot to accomplish as well, including making significant headway on our BPS Facilities Master Planning study (I hope you've seen the QR Code in our census mailing or on posters throughout Town) and rolling out another responsible, albeit challenging budget, that accomplishes strong investments in our community, continually supports critical services, and is forward-looking. My goal with every budget is to ensure we spend tax dollars in the most thoughtful and responsible way we can and to keep a close eye on what we need and what we can afford. We know costs are rising all around us and that a dollar doesn't go quite as far as it used to, but our current budget of \$176M continues to provide the Town services that make Braintree, well, Braintree. Mark your calendars for April, as we look forward to sharing what is in store for next year's budget.

I'm excited and ready to get to work this year with our new Town Council too, especially welcoming Julia Flaherty to her new role as Councilor At-Large and welcoming new Councilors Ryan Sterling, also At-Large, and Jim Diaute, District 1. We also have new members joining the School Committee, the Trustees of Thayer Public Library, the Electric Light Board, and the Housing Authority. If you want to catch a replay of their official swearing-in ceremony, you can find it on [BCAM's YouTube channel](#)—it's the best reality TV out there!

This year also marks the 250th anniversary of the United States gaining its independence. Braintree played a significant role in our nation's history as the birthplace of John Adams, John Quincy Adams, and John Hancock—three influential leaders who helped shape the founding of the United States—no other community or Town in this great nation can make that claim! Be sure to check out all of the MA250-related events happening around Town by visiting the Town Calendar—I look forward to seeing you at some.

- Winter is in full swing, and our teams across Town are working hard to keep services running smoothly throughout the colder months. Please stay prepared for upcoming storms, and don't forget to look at [Page 5 for Snow and Ice Removal Tips](#).

I've been loving your feedback on the Newsletter and am working to incorporate your suggestions into each new edition—so keep it coming! I've also really enjoyed growing the Town's social media outreach. In 2025, my team in the Mayor's Office has collected over 3 MILLION views, 32 THOUSAND reactions, 3 THOUSAND comments, 2 THOUSAND shares, and has picked up 1,246 followers! Thank you for all the love (and tough love). Keep it coming!



**Erin V. Joyce**  
Mayor of Braintree

# 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](https://bpsfacilitiesplan.com)



# ALERTS

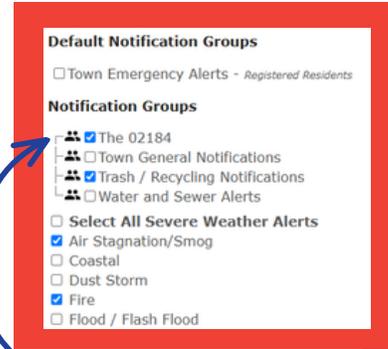
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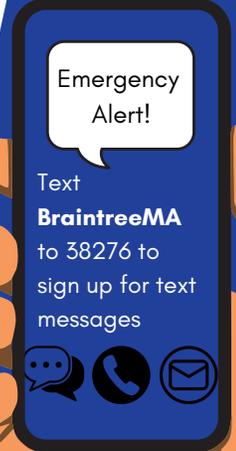
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## Calling for instructors

Braintree Community Continuing Adult Education (BCCAE) seeks individuals who want to share their passions/interests.



Inquire now about teaching a new Spring 2026 semester class!

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evenings.  
One-evening/one-session class or multi-week class.

Email us today with your class idea and phone number: [continuing@braintreeschools.org](mailto:continuing@braintreeschools.org).

The Town of Braintree is

# Hiring

Human Resources

Town of Braintree



Braintree Schools



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

**We're on LinkedIn**

Follow our page for the latest job postings!

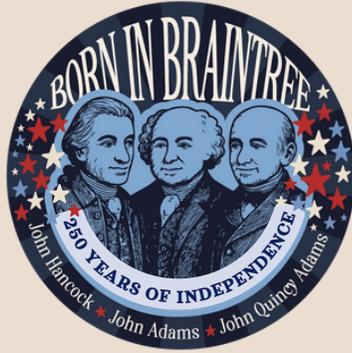


**Contact Us!**

781-794-8260

[jobs@braintreema.gov](mailto:jobs@braintreema.gov)

[braintreema.gov/162/Human-Resources](https://braintreema.gov/162/Human-Resources)



# United States of America 250 Years of Independence



## BRAINTREE MASSACHUSETTS

Join us as we mark 250 years of American independence with a series of exciting events that bring our communities together.

Get connected by following us on social media or visit [braintreema.gov](http://braintreema.gov).



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## BLACK EARTH COMPOST

### 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.

### 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!

### Contact Information

[Website](#)

[Email](#)

[Sign Up](#)

## Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Contest

Sunday, February 1, 2026  
Daughraty Gym  
538 Washington Street  
Braintree, MA

**Registration:** 9 AM to 9:30 AM  
**Contest:** 9:30 AM to 12 PM

Kids age 9-14 years old

For more information, contact  
Hank Joyce at 617-697-4263

# 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 (CaCl<sub>2</sub>) 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@braintree.ma.gov](mailto:bcroak@braintree.ma.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.



# THAYER LIBRARY

## CHILDREN

### Children's Storytime

January 26 | 10 AM-10:50 AM and 11 AM-11:50 AM | Best for ages 2 ½-4

## TEENS

### Tween Book Club: Restart by Gordon Korman

January 22 | 6 PM-7 PM | Teen Room | Grades 5-7

## ADULTS

### 2026 Olli Winter Film Series

Tuesday mornings | 10 AM

### Winter Bingo Challenge

January 1-February 28

### Blind Date with a Book

January 20-February 15

### The Great Courses

January 31 | 10 AM | Logan Auditorium  
February 17 | 2:30 PM | Logan Auditorium



## CONTACT

**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.](#)

# ELDER AFFAIRS

## Spa Day

January 23

## Crafts with Ginny and Nancy: Eucalyptus Wreath for Valentine's Day

January 26 | 1 PM | \$5

## Alzheimer's Caregiver Group

January 27 | 4 PM

## Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT)

January 28 | 1 PM

## Lunch and Learn: Aging Gracefully

January 30 | 12 PM

## Upcoming Events

### Hip Hop Dance Chair Exercise

February 13 | 1 PM

### End-of-Life Info Sessions

March 9, April 27, May 11  
1:30 PM-2:30 PM

## Weekly Events

### Bocce Winter Coffee Hours

Mondays | 9:30 AM-10:30 AM

### Cornhole

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday only this month | 1 PM

### Tax Aide Program

Tuesdays | February 3-April 7

## Contact Info

**Phone:** 781-848-1963

**Address:** 71 Cleveland Ave

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

[Click for Elder Affairs Newsletters.](#)

# RECREATION

## Events

### Central Rock Gym Climbing Clinic

January 7–February 11 and February 18 - March 25

- Ages 4–6 | 4:00 PM–5:00 PM
- Ages 7–12 | 5:15 PM–6:15 PM



### Kids Test Kitchen

January 13–February 24 | 5 PM–6 PM | Grades K-4

### Altitude Trampoline Park Half-Day Fun

January 29 | Bus departs at 1 PM | Ages 7-13 | Waiver required

No class on February 17

### February Kids Art Night Out

Registration is live

### Super Soccer Stars Session 2

February 7–March 28 | Liberty Elementary School Gym | Ages 2-6

### Providence Bruins vs. Bridgeport Islanders

February 15 | Bus departs at 1:15 PM | Game at 3:05 PM | \$45



### Water Park of New England

February 17 | Bus departs at 9:15 AM | Ages 7–13 | Must be at least 48” tall

### Level99 Natick

February 18 | Bus departs at 9:45 AM | Ages 7–13 | Waiver required

### Central Rock Gym – Randolph

February 19 | Bus departs at 9:15 AM | Waiver required

### Celtics vs. Pistons

March 16 | Bus departs at 5:45 PM | \$110

## Employment

### Summer 2026 Employment Applications

Apply via our [website](#) or email [recreation@braintreema.gov](mailto:recreation@braintreema.gov)

### Hire-A-Teen Program

Great winter earning opportunities (snow shoveling, trash barrels, etc.). Apply [online](#).

## Hours

**Mon, Wed, Thu:** 8:30 AM–4:30 PM

**Tue:** 8:30 AM–7 PM

**Fri:** 8:30 AM–1 PM



## Contact

**Phone:** 781-794-8946

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

**Address:** 74 Pond Street

**Website:** [braintreema.myrec.com](http://braintreema.myrec.com)

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Zoning Board of Appeals Regular Meeting

January 26 | 7:00 PM | Johnson Chambers

### School Building Committee

January 26 | 5:30 PM | Colbert Administrative Building

### School Committee

January 26 | 6:30 PM | Colbert Administrative Building

### Braintree Community Partnership

January 28 | 6 PM | Thayer Public Library