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Town Hall Hours
 Mon, Wed, Thur: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
 Tue: 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM
 Fri: 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Town Hall Holiday Hours
 President's Day | Closed

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



From the Desk of the Mayor

Happy February, Braintree! I've always been a fan of the four seasons, which is why I think I will always call New England home, but this year's snow and deep freeze have me dreaming of springtime days. In the last storm, the Town of Braintree received almost 18 inches of fluffy snow, and we are still digging out. With over 143 miles of roadway and at least twice as many miles of sidewalk, our crews have been working around the clock and are still moving snow as I type this greeting. Be sure to check out **Page 6 for helpful Snow and Ice Removal Tips**, and we appreciate all the work our residents and businesses do to help with snow removal. I also remind you to reference our **snow hotline at 781-794-8965** for any ongoing snow concerns or for your use in reaching out during future snow events. Based on Punxsutawney Phil's meteorological expertise—it looks like winter may be sticking around for a while!



I want to let you know that February is going to be a good month to check in on updates surrounding our **School Facilities Master Planning** effort. I'll be attending a series of Community meetings this month (February 4, 9, and 12) around Town and look forward to hearing your reaction to the work we've accomplished so far and to hearing your ideas about BPS buildings in the future. I know many of us are waiting on a High School project and this effort discusses, in more depth, how the Town plans to get there.

This month I am excited to welcome two new faces to my Team at Town Hall, including **Catherine Rollins as our new Economic Development Director** and **Jaclyn Gould as our new Facilities Director**. The Town typically has many positions open at a given time. If you are thinking of an opportunity to work here, please check out our **active job listings**. We will be kicking off an effort to **hire a new Police Chief** as Chief Timothy Cohoon leaves for the City of Newton later this month. We wish him luck and thank him for his decades of service and leadership to the Town of Braintree and its residents.

Lunar New Year falls on February 17, ushering in the Year of the Fire Horse—a rare and energetic sign that comes around once every 60 years and is often associated with bold change and dynamic energy. We will have a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the **Lunar New Year with our community on Sunday, February 15th, at the High School as the Chinese American Association of Braintree** hosts their annual event—I hope you will mark your calendars and plan on attending. 恭喜發財!

Stay warm, stay curious,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Erin V. Joyce'.

Erin V. Joyce
Mayor of Braintree

HARVARD
School of Dental Medicine

GIVE KIDS A SMILE

GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY IS A FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN TO RECEIVE FREE ORAL HEALTHCARE IN A SAFE, COMFORTABLE SETTING.

SATURDAY, FEB. 28
9AM-12PM EST

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ALERTS

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to receive emergency alerts by email, phone, or text at

braintree.ma.gov/1249/Alerts-Notifications



Check off the alerts you want!

Default Notification Groups

Town Emergency Alerts - Registered Residents

Notification Groups

- The 02184
- Town General Notifications
- Trash / Recycling Notifications
- Water and Sewer Alerts
- Select All Severe Weather Alerts
- Air Stagnation/Smog
- Coastal
- Dust Storm
- Fire
- Flood / Flash Flood

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Braintree School Committee

February 4 | 6:30 PM | South Middle School

BSC Finance & Operations Subcommittee

February 5 | 11:30 AM | Colbert Administrative Building

Braintree Contributory Retirement Board

February 5 | 4 PM | 74 Pond Street

Braintree School Committee

February 6 | 12 PM | Zoom

Conservation Commission Monthly Meeting

February 5 | 7 PM | Johnson Chambers

Community Preservation Monthly Meeting

February 9 | 5 PM | Johnson Chambers

Board of Library Trustees

February 9 | 6 PM | Thayer Public Library

Planning Board Monthly Meeting

February 10 | 7 PM | Cahill Auditorium

Braintree School Committee

February 11 | 6:30 PM | Braintree High School

Zoning Board of Appeals Regular Meeting

February 23 | 7 PM | Johnson Chambers

Town Council Meeting

February 24 | 7:30 PM-9:30 PM | Cahill Auditorium

Herring & Fisheries Commission

February 25 | 6 PM | Johnson Chambers

Click on meeting for full details.

Shaping the Future of Learning in Braintree

Master Facilities Planning Process



Building our vision around current and future fiscal resources is an important part of this effort!

Bring a friend and an open mind!

Keep an eye out for...

- A public [Facilities Data Dashboard](#) to view key information about each school.
- Initial recommendations for a long-term plan shared with the School Committee.

Survey results so far...

77% say great teachers/staff are the most important factor.

BUT facilities are the #1 area needing improvement.

70% could support repurposing/closing schools to invest in fewer, stronger ones.

52% say buildings do not adequately support learning

66% satisfied with education quality.

 bpsfacilitiesplan@braintreema.gov

 bpsfacilitiesplan.com

JOIN US!

Community Forum Sessions

Master Facilities Planning Process

Join us for an update on the facilities planning work, see what we've heard from community members so far, and ask any questions you have about the future of our school buildings!

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Wednesday, February 4
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Old South Middle School

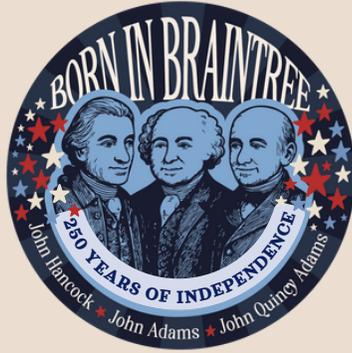
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Friday, February 6
12 PM - 1 PM
Zoom

3

Wednesday, February 11
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Braintree High School





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 braintree.ma.gov.



Town of Braintree



BraintreeMayor



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Town of Braintree

MA250 Upcoming Events

George Washington Paper Bag Puppet

February 17-21 | Thayer Library | For Children

Stamp Your Place in History-Design your own stamp to print

February 17 | 1 PM-2 PM | Thayer Library | Best for ages 7+

*Winter Forest with Fox Painting with Pop Up Art

February 18 | 2 PM-3:30 PM | Thayer Library | For Teens

*Abigail Adams & The Daughters of Liberty

February 25 | 1 PM | Elder Affairs

All the Presidents' Women

February 28 | 2 PM-3 PM | Thayer Library | Teens-Adults

***Registration Required**

Braintree Veterans Services



Join us for coffee hour with our following guests:

- Mayor Erin V. Joyce
Braintree, MA
- Senator John F. Keenan
Norfolk and Plymouth District
- Senator William J. Driscoll Jr.
Norfolk, Plymouth, and Bristol District
- Representative Mark J. Cusack
5th Norfolk District

February 24 | 10 AM | 74 Pond Street Second Floor

All veterans are welcome

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.



NEW *hires*

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Catherine Rollins has joined the Town of Braintree as the new Economic Development Director to support business growth and investment in the community.

“I’m thrilled to join the team in Braintree and to serve a community with such tremendous history and strong economic assets,” said Rollins. “I look forward to working collaboratively to support smart, sustainable growth and to attract new investment that strengthens the community for residents and businesses alike.”



Prior to joining the Town of Braintree, Rollins was most recently Director at the Urban Land Institute Boston/New England, where her work focused on interdisciplinary strategies around housing policy, economic competitiveness, and community engagement. Her prior municipal experience includes the City of Everett, where she served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Policy, and the City of New Bedford, where she served as Director of Policy and Intergovernmental Relations.

She also served as the Director of Operations and Special Projects at the Rhode Island Commerce Corporation and as a Senior Legislative Analyst with the Massachusetts Municipal Association. She holds an M.A. in Public Affairs from Brown University, an M.B.A. from Fitchburg State University, and a B.A. in Government from Wesleyan University.

Catherine can be reached via email at crollins@braintreema.gov or by phone at 781-794-8143.



FACILITIES DIRECTOR

Jaclyn Gould will join the Town of Braintree on February 9 as the new Facilities Director. She brings extensive experience in facilities operations and procurement. Most recently, she served as Senior Manager of Facilities & Equipment at Solidcore, where she led facilities operations across a national portfolio of more than 140 studio locations. In this role, she supported over 150 facilities nationwide, ensuring the spaces where people work, learn, and gather were safe, efficient, and well-maintained.

Previously, Jaclyn worked as a Purchasing and Contracting Manager at Anne Arundel Community College, where she spent four years overseeing procurement of goods and services while adhering to state-mandated solicitation and contracting regulations.

“As a Massachusetts resident with a strong interest in public service, the opportunity to contribute to the Town of Braintree truly stands out to me.”

Jaclyn holds an MBA with a specialization in Project Management from Louisiana State University and a B.S. in Psychology and Business Management. She serves as a mentor in the Rising Facilities Managers mentorship program in Connex FM.

Jaclyn can be reached via email at jgould@braintreema.gov.

THAYER LIBRARY

CHILDREN

Valentine's Theme Storytime for Children

February 7 | 10:30 AM-10:45 AM | Children's Room

Bad Guys 2 Movie Screening

February 19 | 2 PM-4 PM | Children's Room

Family Board Games and Play

February 20 | 10 AM-12 PM | Children's Room

Lunar New Year Celebration for Families

February 21 | 10 AM-12 PM | Logan Auditorium

Make a Pinecone Birdfeeder and Booklet of Birds

February 24 | 3:45 PM-4:45 PM | Logan Auditorium



TEEN

Teen Craft and Chat

February 17 | 3:30 PM-4:30 PM | Ages 12+

Tween Book Club

February 26 | 6 PM-7 PM | Teen Room | Grades 5-7

ADULT

Mini Cheesecakes with Raspberry Sauce Demo

February 9 | 7 PM-8 PM | Zoom

Boston Light: America's Oldest Lighthouse

February 12 | 7 PM-8 PM | Zoom

How to Avoid Death in Glacier National Park

February 23 | 7 PM-8 PM | Zoom

The Invention of Charlotte Brontë: Take Three!

February 26 | 2 PM-3 PM | Zoom

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

EVENTS

Ronnie and Friends:

Live Musical Performance

February 11 | 1 PM



Hip Hop Dance Club

February 13 | 1 PM

Spa Day

February 20



Book Club

February 20 | 10:30 AM



KevTech

February 20 | 1:30 PM | \$3

Crafts with Ginny and Nancy:

Bird Feeder

February 23 | 1 PM | \$5



Lunch - Grilled Cheese & Soup

February 24 | 12:30 PM | \$5

Alzheimer's Caregiver Group

February 24 | 4 PM

LIMITED SUPPLY

The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office "Sand Bucket Program"

If any of you would like to have a bucket at your house, please call 781-848-1963 to sign up.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Bocce Winter Coffee Hours

Mondays | 9:30 AM-10:30 AM

Tax Aide Program

Tuesdays | February 3-April 7

Gentle Exercise of Movement & Stretching (G.E.M.S)

Wednesdays | 1 PM | \$2

UPCOMING EVENTS

End-of-Life Info Sessions

March 9, April 27, May 11

1:30 PM-2:30 PM

Phone: 781-848-1963

Address: 71 Cleveland Ave

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

[Click for Elder Affairs Newsletters.](#)

Recreation

Super Soccer Stars – Winter Session 2

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

March Kids Art Night Out

Registration Opens February 9

Providence Bruins vs. Bridgeport Islanders

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

School Vacation Trip – Water Park of New England

February 17 | Must be at least 48" tall | Ages 7–13

***School Vacation Trip – Level99 Natick**

February 18 | Ages 7–13

***Central Rock Gym Climbing Clinic (Randolph)**

February 18–March 25

4 PM–5 PM | Ages 4–6

5:15–6:15 PM | Ages 7–12

***School Vacation Trip – Central Rock Gym (Randolph)**

February 19 | Ages 7–13

Boston Bruins vs. Columbus Blue Jackets

February 26 | \$61.25 per ticket | Transportation NOT provided

Half-Day Fun-Day – Creative Arts Studio

February 26 | Guided canvas painting | Grades 1–4

Boston Pops–Celtic Night: A Tribute to Brian O’Donovan

March 14 | Bus departs at 6 PM | 74 Pond Street

Celtics vs. Pistons

March 16 | Transportation included | \$110 per ticket

Super Soccer Stars – Spring Session

April 18–June 13 | 74 Pond Street | No class Memorial Day Weekend

*Waiver required

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

Address: 74 Pond Street

Website: braintreema.myrec.com

Summer 2026 Employment Applications

Apply via our [website](#) or email

recreation@braintreema.gov

Hire-A-Teen Program

Great winter earning opportunities

(snow shoveling, trash barrels, etc.).

Apply [online](#).