



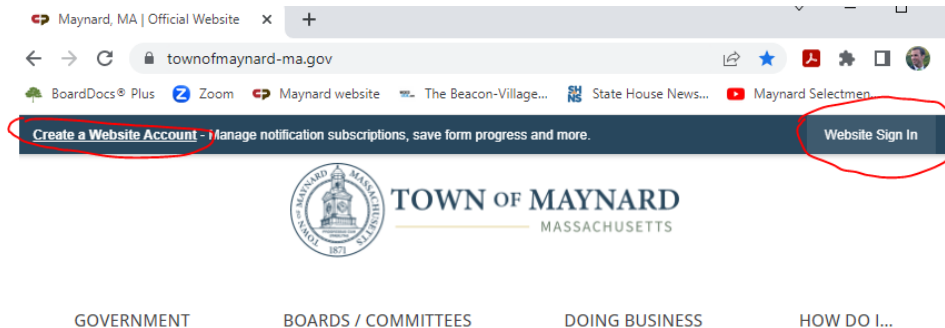
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT



June 6, 2023

ADMINISTRATION:

- The town's [new website](#) allows for residents to create a log in and register to receive notifications, alerts, and other information relative to their interests. Committee members can also request "Author" permissions to edit their specific body's webpage to be published by a town staff "Administrator".



- TA Johnson attended the Spring Conference of the Massachusetts Municipal Managers Association in Brewster, MA on June 1-2, 2023.
- Town Administrator (TA) Greg Johnson and Human Resources (HR) Manager Stephanie Duggan are conducting a search for a new Town Accountant.
- TA Johnson and HR Manager Duggan are scheduled to begin regular collective bargaining agreement negotiations with NEPBA Police unions (Patrolmen and Superior Officers), and are expecting to coordinate the start of negotiations with AFSCME Clerical Union. Individual personnel employment agreements to be negotiated include: Police Chief; Deputy Police Chief; Planning Director; and, Human Resources Manager.



- TA Johnson and other officials attended the ribbon-cutting of the Assabet Co-Op Market on May 31, 2023.
- The Town Clerk's Office may be closed on June 8-9, 2023 while the office's staff attends the annual Massachusetts Town Clerk's Association (MTCA) conference.
- Town offices will be closed on Monday, June 19, 2023 in observance of Juneteenth.



- Thanks to all of the veterans, volunteers, civic organizations, residents and visitors that helped with the Memorial Day event this year on May 29, 2023.



- TA Johnson and staff and official attended the annual Legislative Breakfast of the regional planning agency, MAPC and its sub-group MAGIC on Thursday, May 25, 2023, hosted at the Sanctuary. Representatives Hogan, Sena, Cataldo, and Gentile also attended.

COUNCIL ON AGING:

- The Council on Aging is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The COA provides information and referral for supportive services including home care, health insurance counseling, fuel assistance, food resources, housing, legal issues, public assistance programs and transportation. The Council on Aging accepts and lends durable medical equipment.
- The Council on Aging van service provides transportation Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Destinations include medical appointments, grocery shopping, banks, and salons. Special trips include Walmart in Hudson and Savers thrift store in Marlborough.
- The Council on Aging Board and the Friends of Maynard Seniors co-sponsored a “Conversation and Coffee” with Maynard School Committee members Mary Brannelly and Natasha Rivera. Over thirty seniors attended a robust discussion of the Green Meadow School project.
- The Council on Aging co-sponsored two special presentations with the Maynard Library:
“Doug Tallamy: The Nature of Oaks” and Blue Cross Blue Shield’s “Planning for Medicare: Countdown to 65.” Both programs were held at the Maynard Library. The Council on Aging continues sponsorship of an elder law series provided by Generations Law Group. These programs occur at the Maynard Library in the evening.

- Fire Chief Angela Lawless provided two CPR classes for seniors at the Maynard Fire Station.



- Assabet Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School provided technical assistance to seniors for computer, tablets and smart phone issues.



- Maynard seniors attended community musical performances at the Groton Hill Music Center.
- Multiple “Mystery Tours” included a scenic drive, socializing with new friends and old, and a stop at Johnson’s Restaurant and Dairy Bar in Groton.

- Alicia Dixon MS, RDN, LDN, Registered Dietitian from Emerson Hospital, is providing a health and wellness article for the Council on Aging newsletter. April/May's topic was on the risk of dehydration in older adults.
- In addition to pickleball at the Assabet Valley Boys & Girls Club sponsored by the Council on Aging, Maynard seniors are enjoying the new pickleball opportunity at the Maynard High School's basketball courts. Many thanks to David Schwind for all his efforts on bringing pickleball to Maynard!
- We hosted a tour for Minuteman students this month. The new station, apparatus, and firefighters were a big hit and they have already called for a return trip. It was as special as a day for the firefighters on duty as it was the students that toured. We are looking forward to seeing them again soon.



- Training this month we sent another three members to the joint two-day ASHER (Active Shooter, Hostile Event Response) drill sponsored by NERAC with firefighters, police, and dispatchers. The entire department also attended ASHER training for the entire department as part of EMS training this month. We have started a new collaboration with training once a month between Fire, Police, and Dispatch. We will be meeting in different locations around the community pre-planning any incidents we may respond to and looking at the property from both points of view.

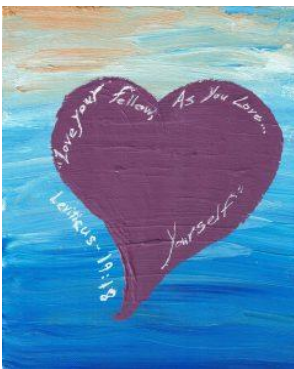


- Fire Fighter Gross is working on becoming our in-house technical rescue expert, he will train the entire department when completed. He attended Confined Space & Rescue class this month in Hyannis for five days. We have recently obtained equipment for confined space from a grant from the town's liability insurance provider, MIIA.
- Below you will see our firefighters getting Ladder 1 ready to hang flags over the Memorial Day Parade.



LIBRARY:

Tzfat in Maynard Art Exhibit



For the month of May, the Library hosted an art exhibit organized by local resident and artist Lisa Corfman and sponsored by the Maynard Cultural Council. Its themes were unity, positivity, creativity, and hope. It included a beautiful and inspiring selection of art created by many different artists in a variety of media. A photo gallery can be viewed online at <https://jewishhope.org/tzfat-everywhere/>

Maynard High School Student Art Show

From June 3 to 9, the Library will host Primary Expressions, the Maynard High School Student Art Show. This is a year-end exhibit of original artwork by high school students in grades 9 through 12.



Curfew Bell Dedication Ceremony

On May 6, the Maynard Historic Commission held a ceremony to celebrate the new home of the Maynard Curfew Bell at the Library. The bell was cast in the former Paul Revere Foundry in Boston by Henry Northey Hooper in 1856. It was bought for the Assabet Manufacturing Company and was rung to remind mill workers to be at home and in bed. When the mill closed, the bell was moved to a local church, and when the church recently closed, the bell was moved to the Library, where the public can now view it on the 2nd floor. The ceremony was attended by Select Board Members Jeff Swanberg and Justine St. John, and State Representative Kate Hogan, who presented a proclamation from the House. The Commission also honored local historian Paul Boothroyd for all he has done over the years to preserve the history of Maynard.



Summer Reading Programs

Children's Librarian Mark Malcolm and Young Adult Librarian Casey Petipas-Haggerty are hard at work on preparations for summer reading programs. This year's theme is Find Your Voice. Mark has been visiting classes at Green Meadow School and Fowler School to let students know about the fun that lies ahead at the Library this summer. Details on our website: [Teen Summer Library Club](#) and [Children's Summer Reading Club](#).



Book Sale on June 17



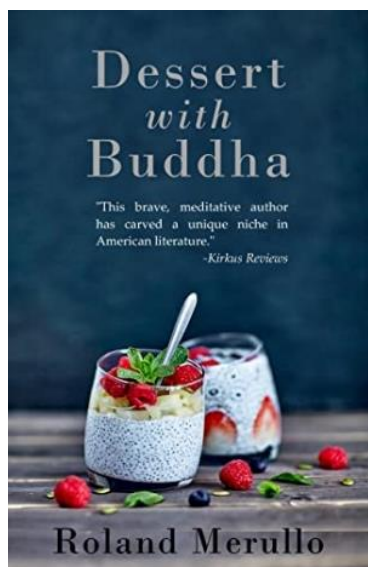
The Friends of the Maynard Public Library will hold a book sale at the Library on Saturday, June 17, 10am-4pm. There will be hundreds of books and DVDs for all ages. You can find thrillers, mysteries, bestselling fiction, cookbooks, gardening books, and more. There will be board books, picture books, chapter books, and popular series for kids and teens. All items cost \$2 or less. Stop by and stock up for your summer reading!

Maynard Fixit Clinic on June 24

Don't throw it away! Let's try to fix it! Green Maynard and the Maynard Public Library have organized a Fixit Clinic for Saturday, June 24, 1-3pm, at the Library. Bring your broken small appliances, bicycles, clothing/textiles, electronics, toys, etc., for assessment, disassembly, and possible repair. We'll provide workspace, tools, and guidance by volunteer coaches to help you disassemble, troubleshoot, and maybe even FIX your item! Register at <https://bit.ly/itemcheckin> or via the QR code below. Just select the Maynard clinic from the event drop-down menu.



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Author Talk on June 29

Author Roland Merullo returns to the Library on Thursday, June 29, at 7pm for a talk in honor of the release of his latest novel, *Dessert with Buddha*. The event will be held both **online on Zoom** and in person at the Maynard Public Library. **Click here** to register for Zoom or register at maynardpubliclibrary.org/calendar to attend in person. Merullo is the author of over 25 books of fiction and non-fiction that range from suspense novels to golf and travel books to WWII historical fiction. Merullo has won the Massachusetts Book Award for non-fiction, and has been named a finalist for a PEN New England/Winship Prize, among other honors. His books have sold over half a million copies and been translated across the globe.

There are many more adult, teen, and children's programs coming up! See maynardpubliclibrary.org/calendar for details.