

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

July 1, 2024



Scenes From Spring: A Woodchuck mama and baby crossing Riverbank Road next to Town Hall

ADMINISTRATION

- Town Administrator (TA) Johnson and Assistant Town Administrator (ATA) Stephanie Duggan are conducting regular collective bargaining agreement negotiations with the IAFF Fire Fighters Local 1947 and the Public Safety Tele-Communicators NEPBA Local 114 dispatchers union.
- TA Johnson has been on Personal Time Off from June 24th – 28th.
- Town Offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4th and Friday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.
- ATA Duggan along with Assistant Collector Diane Donovan, Library Director Jean Maguire, and Assistant Treasurer/Collector Diane Montanez, attended Massachusetts Municipal Management Association's Women Leading Government meeting, held June 26th in Boylston. A Keynote by Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell was followed by a highly informative and moving *Caring for Aging Parents & Family Members* presentation.
- The Route 27 Acton/Concord/Brown Street intersection improvement project is expected to get underway this summer. Towards the end of June, town staff will coordinate schedules and plans with the contractor, IW Harding. The town's website has a devoted project page: <https://www.townofmaynard-ma.gov/510/Project-Page>
- On June 20th, Solectenergy provided the School Building Committee an update on the Solar Installation at Maynard High School. The presentation is included under the Town Administrator Report agenda item in Boarddocs.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- MFD is happy to announce the department has received grant funding from the Department of Fire Services for the SAFE and Senior Safe public education programs. This competitor grant program aids communities in public education and programs in the schools and for the seniors of the community. The department was awarded \$6,900.00.
 - Captain Michael Parr and Firefighter Jenn Hureau coordinate the program offerings which include a visit to every school classroom, Pre-K through Fifth grade, outreach at Maynardfest and the Farmer's Market, demonstrations for the Maynard Youth Police Academy and Public

Safety Day, and numerous other touch a truck and community events like Downtown Trick or Treat and our new Egg Hunt for Hazards in the Spring. FF Hureau has partnered with the council on aging providing monthly columns in the newsletter, programs on fall prevention, and conducted numerous home safety visits.

- These funds allow firefighters to provide essential safety lessons to the community that have proven successful. In the past year, participants in this program recognized a fire in their home and quickly evacuated to a neighbor and called 9-1-1 for help.
- “We are excited to receive these funds. With this support and new funding support in Town, we hope to create new programs and expand our reach in the community,” said Captain Parr. Captain Parr was nominated and received the 2023 Fire and Life Safety Educator of the Year award in recognition of the program’s accomplishments. “Every firefighter is empowered to make each interaction about safety. We encourage the community to reach out if they have a fire safety concern that they need assistance with.”
- To request a program or ask a concern about public education opportunities, please contact Captain Michael Parr, mparr@townofmaynard.net.
- We were able to swear in three of our newest firefighters at the last Select Board meeting. Our newest hire, FF. Warren Billings began his probationary period on June 17th. Warren comes from the Chelmsford School System where he was a Spanish teacher, he is a dad of three very proud kids who were there to see him get sworn in. Warren will be assigned to Group 2 after two weeks of day shifts. *(From left to right – FF. Eric Frechette, FF. Warren Billings & FF. Keagan Sheridan)*
- Call volume continues to trend upward. At this point, we are about 25 runs ahead of where we were last year. Captain King, FF. Doyle and FF. Row assisted Concord last week in a 4-alarm fire during the height of the heatwave.
- The fire department opened a cooling and charging center three days last week during the heat wave. We are very thankful that we have that resource for the community in our new station. The areas that we utilize are the training room and our Emergency Operations Center, we also host many community groups for their meeting space.
- Our Local Emergency Planning Committee participated in a tour of the FEMA facility in Maynard this month. Some of our Department heads and members were able to have some impactful conversations during the tour that will have a positive impact on how we collaborate in the future. It was very insightful to see the infrastructure FEMA has here in Maynard. Right in our community there is work being done to help manage and mitigate incidents all over the world.

