



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

May 7, 2025



ADMINISTRATION

- Town Administrator (TA) Johnson joined members of the town's Sustainability Committee for the first meeting regarding the awarding of a grant for a Municipal Energy Manager (MEM) position for the town.
- TA Johnson and Assistant Town Administrator Stephanie Duggan continue negotiations for renewed Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA) with the LIUANA Professionals and Laborers. TA Johnson is also engaged with Justin DeMarco for the renewal of his personal employment agreement for the position of Director of Public Works.
- ATA Duggan is attending a Human Resources professional development seminar weekly hosted by the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) and Suffolk University.
- TA Johnson expects to participate as a panelist for the Maynard High School senior project presentations on Friday, May 16, 2025.
- Town Offices will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025 in observance of Memorial Day.
- TA Johnson thanks all staff and volunteers and officials, especially the Town Clerk's Office, for executing the annual local election on Tuesday, May 6, 2025. Congratulations to the elected officials.
- TA Johnson is scheduled to be out of the office for Jury Duty on Wednesday, May 7, 2025.
- The Town Administrator's Office hosted a meeting of the Insurance Advisory Committee (IAC) to review proposals for health benefits plan design changes to be implemented for Fiscal Year 2026. The representatives in attendance voted in favor of a proposed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for plan design changes to be implemented July 1, 2025 for Fiscal Year 2026. The changes allow for a reduction in the insurance premium renewal by all subscribers.
- Staff has been advised that Avalon Bay Communities no longer plans to pursue development of the Maynard Kanto 40B project at 182 Parker Street. The representatives stated that several factors including the Town's response to the project's proposed location influenced their Decision.

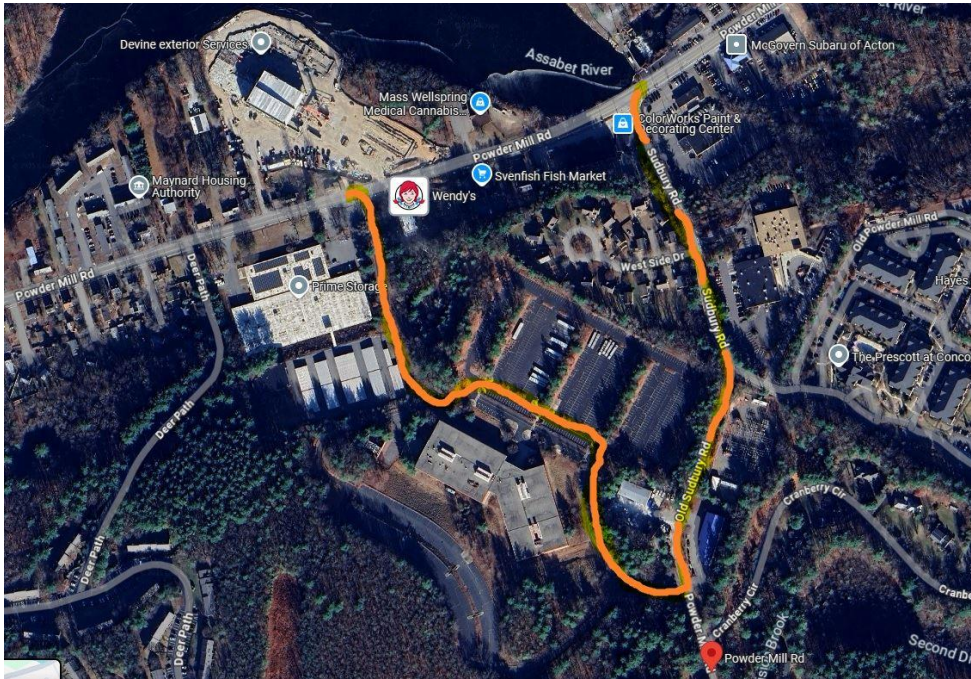
- The Maynard Tree Committee seeks funding to support a community tree planting project to establish an “educational allée” of trees in Maynard center. The project team, partnering with the Maynard Department of Public Works, aims to add (11) native shade trees in a prominent municipal parking lot at 107 Main Street (behind the Maynard Outdoor Store) and along a section of the Assabet Rail Trail.

Proposed



- Traffic on Route 27 on the north border of Maynard with Acton near Christmas Motors will be impacted by Acton’s work on a culvert in the area beginning in May.





- Construction of a new housing project on the Acton side of Powder Mill Road requires roadwork and a detour from May to October 2025. Acton Police and Maynard Police have collaborated on the detour scheme to route traffic through the private-property of 111 Powder Mill Road and using Sudbury Road. Please note this change to traffic control and use caution in the area while abiding all public safety guidance.

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 referrals 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.

April Highlights:

- The Council on Aging sponsored a pottery wheel workshop at Art Signals Studio in downtown Maynard.





Seniors at Potter Class in Art Signals

- A four-class series, Life Transitions Binder Workshop, provided seniors with a special opportunity to create a custom binder to store important life details, including personal data, property, financial, retirement/investment, insurance, medical and service provider information in one location. The binder becomes a resource for the senior as well as family members with detail to assist in case of an emergency. The class was extremely popular and will be offered again in the fall.
- Moira Carter, Maynard Public Health Nurse, gave a presentation on ticks and mosquitoes, the disease they spread and how you can protect yourself.
- Minuteman Senior Services is sponsoring a ten-week program at the COA called Bingocize which teaches seniors all about nutrition, healthy cooking, better grocery shopping and exercises for balance, strength, and flexibility, with correct answers to quizzes qualifying for a number on a bingo card. The program meets twice a week.
- Jen Mabardy taught seniors how to construct 3D Easter cards and baskets. Therese LaRose, from Life Care Centers of Acton and Nashoba Valley, taught her monthly Breath & Balance seated yoga class. The monthly Road Trip went to Harry's Restaurant in Westboro for classic seafood, homemade specialties, and baked goods. April featured a Thanksgiving Grab-n-Go, catered by Flo's Catering.