

Wrentham

IN TOWN NEWS

NOVEMBER 4, 2024



Kevin Sweet
Town Manager

After nearly seven years serving this remarkable community, I have made the difficult decision to resign from my position as Town Manager for the Town of Wrentham. I am proud of all we have accomplished and have no doubt that Wrentham's bright future will continue to unfold.



From the desk of Kevin Sweet

Each year, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education identifies a small number of Schools of Recognition based on the results of the annual Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). Roderick School was one of the fifty-seven schools selected in 2024, out of a total of 1,827 elementary schools in Massachusetts. This is an outstanding achievement for the students, teachers, staff members, administrators, and families of Roderick School. It is also a testament to the excellent work done at Delaney School, since the Roderick students learned key concepts and skills in preschool through grade 3. This is one of the many reasons why Wrentham Public Schools is an exceptional school district.

At the September 17th Select Board meeting, the Board voted to increase the Senior Work abatement amount from \$1,000 to \$1,500 a year for up to 100 volunteer hours of search and to set the hourly rate at \$15/hour.

During 2024, the Town of Wrentham received funds from the Massachusetts Opioid Abatement Settlement fund. A total of \$46,729 in funds were allocated by the Town in support of applicants' prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery efforts. The following groups applied to the Town and were awarded Opioid Funds: Safe Coalition \$26,479, Gilly's House \$7,250, Trinity Episcopal Church \$3,000, and King Philip and Wrentham Schools \$10,000.

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Crack sealing and paving project was completed at Rice Complex.

The Delaney Preschool Playground will have a grand opening on Friday, November 22nd

Wrentham elected and appointed officials will be hosting a forum on MBTA Communities, the forum will be recorded on November 13th and broadcast shortly thereafter. The Town of Wrentham is aware of other public forums being held by groups throughout town. The Town is committed to providing accurate, fair and balanced information about the MBTA requirements and requested zoning bylaw change. This will be the only official Town-moderated panel discussion on the topic.

The Planning Board closed the Public Hearing for the Zoning Bylaw on November 6th and have prepared a Multi-family Overlay District Zoning Bylaw that's available now.

Lead Service Line Surveys will be sent out to select residents starting November 15th with instructions for next steps. This survey is federally mandated survey of all customer service pipe materials. The goal of this program is to identify lead components of the drinking water system.

SWEATT PARK UPDATE

Town of Wrentham has officially accepted a bid from Argus Construction to begin work on the long-anticipated renovation of Sweatt Park. The planned park improvements will include much-needed updates such as demolition and grading, site preparation and the installation of area drains, benches, concrete walkways, newly renovated stairs, renovated tennis courts, four new pickleball courts, added parking spaces and a variety of other park amenities. Improvements will also include the reconfiguration of pathways to preserve the roots of 100-year-old trees in the area. These upgrades will create a more accessible, inviting and enjoyable environment for residents and visitors.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

NOV
11

Veteran's Day Observance

Town Common

NOV
12

Tax Classification Hearing

via Zoom at 6:35 PM

NOV
28

TurkeyWacker 5K

Rice Complex at 8:30 AM

DEC
1

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Town Common at 6 PM

DEC
16

Special Town Meeting

King Philip High School at 7 PM

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TO DATE

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THE FULL CALENDAR OR VISIT
OUR WEBSITE FOR MEETINGS,
EVENTS, AND MORE!



PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE SAFETY TIPS:

- Remember that open burning is prohibited statewide through January and from May 15th through January 15th in Wrentham.
- Refrain from outdoor cooking and heating. Sparks and embers from chimineas, fire pits, and grills can easily ignite dry vegetation, debris, and overhanging branches.
- Use caution with lawnmowers, leaf blowers, all-terrain vehicles, and other power equipment. The engines can become hot enough to ignite dry leaves and grass.
- Dispose of ashes from fireplaces and wood stoves in a metal can, douse them with water, and cover them with a tight-fitting lid. These ashes can remain hot enough to ignite combustibles long after the fire goes out: never dump them outdoors or in the trash.
- Extinguish smoking materials in a sturdy ashtray with water or sand. Never toss cigarette butts, matches, or other smoking materials over the edge of a balcony, stub them out on stairs or railings, or toss them in dry vegetation or debris.



FIRE PINNING & SWEARING IN CEREMONY



**Members of the Wrentham Fire Department with
Wrentham Select Board on November 2nd**

PUBLIC WORKS

ROADWORK PROJECTS:

Vine, Street, Hancock Street, and Everett Streets have been completed.

PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING PROJECT:

The Public Works Building Committee selected Construction Monitoring Services as the Owner's Project Manager for the Design portion of the Public Works Building Facility. The OPM will assist the PWBC through the Design portion of the project.



FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING CONCLUDED ON OCTOBER 17TH.



SNOW PLOWING CONTRACTORS FOR 24/25 WINTER SEASON WANTED!



HAVE YOU ACCESSED THE CONSUMER WATER PORTAL?

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- Manage multiple meters to get a better understanding of your water usage
- Set out-of-town alerts to monitor consumption and detect potential leaks
- Create water threshold alerts to set a water budget, help save water, and eliminate bill surprises

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FOR ACCESS:



DEVELOPMENTS

Projects in the Permitting Phase (with Planning Board)

Park Place Subdivision, Major Modification Definitive Plan / OSPD

Application Request: Request to modify the Definitive Plan and Special Permit for Open Space Preservation Development by substituting guardrails for landscape rocks, drainage design changes, and reducing survey bounds along open space parcels.

Location: 355 & 375 Park Street

Applicant/Owner: Park Place Wrentham LLC

Status: Public Hearing Continued to November 20, 2024

Beach Street and Taunton Street, Residential Subdivision, Edgewood

Application Request: Request for a Definitive Plan and a Stormwater Permit for a sixteen-lot residential subdivision including two roadways and associated site utilities on the site.

Location: 256 Beach St, 516, 521 & 584 Taunton St

Applicant/Owner: Edgewood Development

Status: Public Hearing Continued to November 6, 2024

Beach St and Taunton St, Senior Living Community, Edgewood

Application Request: Request for a Special Permit/Site Plan Approval and Stormwater Permit for a 66 unit senior living community and associated site work and utilities.

Location: 256 Beach St, 584 Taunton St

Applicant/Owner: Edgewood Development

Status: Public Hearing to be opened Nov. 6

**See Projects Under Review
& Decisions Rendered
on the Planning
Board webpage**



VOLUNTEER



Looking to make a difference in Wrentham?
Consider joining one of the Town's boards,
committees, or commissions!

Fill out the Volunteer Application!

Applications are forwarded to the applicable
board/committee/commission for review and then applicants
are scheduled to attend a Select Board meeting for an
interview/appointment.

VACANCIES

Economic Development Commission - (1) Vacancy

Open Space Committee - (1) Vacancy

Cultural Council - (2) Vacancies

Public Works Building Committee - (2) Vacancies

Wrentham Elementary School Committee - (1) Vacancy

GET INVOLVED!

Check out the Volunteer Opportunities on our
wrentham.gov/520/Volunteer-Opportunities
or scan the QR Code!



STAFF SPOTLIGHTS



Kerry MacKay was appointed as the Regional Health Agent, serving the towns of Wrentham, Norfolk, and Franklin.



James McAvoy graduated from the Firefighter Academy on Sept. 20th!



Brendan Meehan joined Wrentham Police Department in September



David Furhman joined the Department of Public Works as a Heavy Equipment Operator

COMMUNITY

The Landscape Committee in collaboration with the Lifeworks program and League School students, have been creating a new memorial garden on the Town Common.



The groups have worked together to create this garden by digging, planting, watering and mulching. Some of the plants used for this garden will be grown at the Norfolk Agriculture School.

SENIOR CENTER

Attention Seniors! Open Enrollment for Medicare starting October 17th through December 7th. Make an appointment with the Senior Center today,

Wrentham Fire Department presents "Have an Escape Plan" on Thursday, November 21st at 12:30 PM. Call the Senior Center to register.

Clear your thoughts, clear your clutter, join professional organizer Susan McCarthy to learn the technique for taking back your clutter-clinging thoughts. Call the Senior Center to register.

**COUNCIL ON AGING -
LOOKING AHEAD
NOVEMBER**



WRENTHAM SENIOR CENTER

 **400 Taunton Street**

**Mon - Thurs: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Fri: 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM**

 **508-384-5425**

FALL TOWN MEETING

OCTOBER 21, 2024

All Articles presented on the Warrant were passed by Town Meeting.

Articles passed included FY25 supplemental budget increase in the amount of \$200,000 for trash & recycling and authorization of \$700,000 from Free Cash for Wrentham's share of a regional ladder truck.

Town Meeting approved Community Preservation Act spending for ground penetrating radar for Wrentham cemeteries, installation of signage at King Philip High School for Rochambeau encampment, Open Space and Recreation Reserve account, preservation & cataloguing of Town Annual Reports and a facility assessment of the Old Fiske Library.



The Select Board recognized 2024 Henry Carr Youth Volunteer of the Year, Jack Leveroni, (right) & Adult Volunteer of the Year, Krishna Zito (left)



FIRE DEPT OPEN HOUSE

OCTOBER 26, 2024



SEPTEMBER 11TH CEREMONY



**The Select Board &
Public Safety Officials
participated in a
September 11th
Memorial Service**



WRENTHAM DAY

SEPTEMBER 7, 2024



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