



Maynard Golf Course after snow

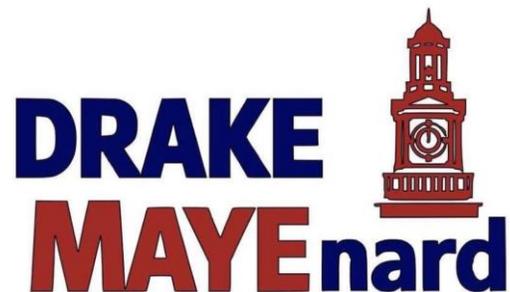
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

February 3, 2026



ADMINISTRATION

- Town Administrator Johnson and Assistant Town Administrator (ATA) Stephanie Duggan continue negotiations with LIUNA Professionals and LIUNA Laborers (DPW), and have begun negotiations with AFSCME Clerical and NEPBA Police Patrolmen and Superiors.
- TA Johnson and Town Counsel continue discussions with the top-ranked proposer to offer a lease of private space for the town’s Senior Center.
- TA Johnson and his family attended the third annual WinterFest at Memorial Park and on Summer Street on January 31, 2026, presented by the Maynard Business Alliance and the Cultural Council and Cultural District Committee.
- The Maynard Select Board are expected to consider symbolically renaming the town as “MAYEnard” for Sunday, February 8, 2026, in recognition of the NFL’s New England Patriots and their quarterback Drake Maye.



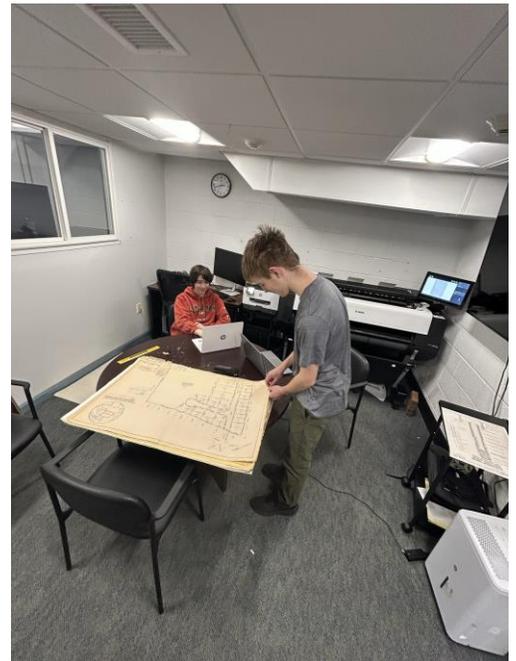
- TA Johnson attended the Massachusetts Municipal Association’s (MMA) “Connect 351” annual conference in Boston from January 22-24, 2026.

- TA Johnson reported the status of three fiscal years (2025, 2026, and 2027) to the Budget Sub Committee on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.
- TA Johnson and Maynard Library Director Jean Maguire and Maynard Trustees Chris Rees and Francis Wyman joined regional and state level library advocates and officials on Friday, January 30, 2026, at the Acton Memorial Library for the annual Legislative Breakfast to hear about current policy directives and advocacy efforts.
- The Town Clerk’s Office will be closed Thursday, February 5, 2026, as the staff attends the Massachusetts Town Clerk Association (MTCA) annual conference.
- TA Johnson and ATA Duggan hosted an Insurance Advisory Committee (IAC) with union membership representatives to review recent insurance policy changes announced by MIIA.
- Town Offices will be closed in observance of:
 - Presidents Day, Monday, February 16, 2026
- Annual Town Report Submissions due to the Town Administrator’s Office via Greg Wilson by February 6, 2026.
- Leading up to the Annual Town Meeting for 2026, the Town Administrator’s Office is collecting “placeholder” items for potential Warrant Articles due by February 13, 2026 to Greg Wilson. Final Articles are due February 27, 2026. Submissions for the annual Performance Recognition Program are due to the TA office April 20, 2026. Visit the [town’s website for information](#).
- TA Johnson is planning to take vacation Tuesday-Friday, February 17-20, 2026.
- Maynard Power Choice, the town’s community electricity aggregation program, provided the annual customer usage report through December 2025.

PUBLIC WORKS

- In DPW is excited to welcome back our 2025 Maynard High School Seniors, Matthew Boyle and Owen Wilde. Returning from College winter break, they continue to work with Julia on various projects including GIS and mapping. Their efforts this week were focused on organizing and scanning historic street, water, sewer, stormwater, and building plans dating back to the 1890s. This work is essential to preserving century old critical information on our infrastructure.

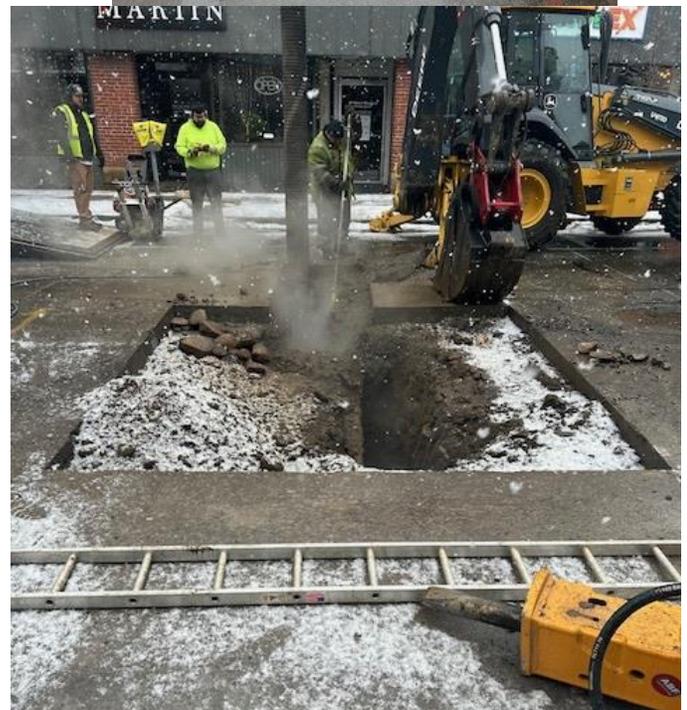
Since 2022, Julia has mentored between two and five Maynard



High School seniors each year as they complete the Senior Project requirement. Her mentorship includes instruction in GIS mapping, data collection, and the creation of maps for municipal use. Julia has also presented this work, highlighting efforts to teach GIS and expand access to ArcGIS software for Maynard High School students, at Massachusetts GIS Day held at the MassDOT headquarters this past November.



- Below is the Department of Public works water department performing a water service line repair on Main Street in the heart of downtown. Utility repairs downtown are very challenging and require precision operations. We are happy to report that the leak was repaired effectively, and the customers business was able to resume operations the next day.



FIRE

Vehicle Extrication Equipment Evaluation

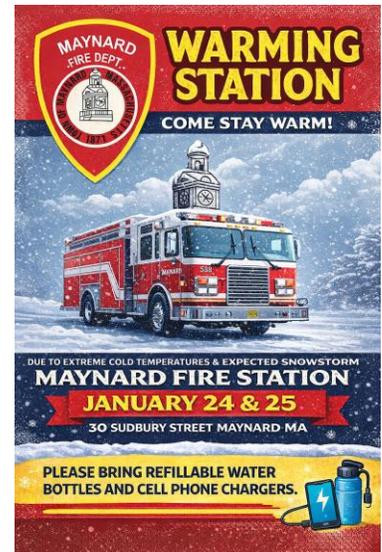
Continuing the Department's due diligence in identifying the most appropriate vehicle extrication tools for the operational needs of the Maynard Fire Department, a second vendor was hosted for an on-site demonstration and hands-on evaluation. This process allows members to assess tool performance, ergonomics, reliability, and compatibility with existing equipment, while ensuring alignment with nationally recognized standards and best practices, including NFPA 1936 (Powered Rescue Tools) and NFPA 1670 (Technical Rescue Operations).

These evaluations are a critical component of ensuring firefighter safety, operational efficiency, and effective patient care during complex motor vehicle extrication incidents. The demonstration also provided valuable training opportunities for personnel under realistic conditions. The Department extends its sincere appreciation to CJ Towing for generously supplying a vehicle to support this training and evaluation effort, which enhances both preparedness and fiscal responsibility in the equipment selection process.



In response to extreme cold temperatures and an anticipated snow event, the Maynard Fire Department opened a public warming station on Saturday the 24th, Sunday the 25th, and Monday the 26th. In addition, a small Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated to facilitate interdepartmental communication and situational awareness. The EOC included regular coordination and reporting from the DPW Director, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Town Administrator.

The only significant incident during this period was a fire at a vacant structure on Parker Street on Saturday the 24th. The fire was brought under control quickly with no further complications. The department extends its thanks to the Water Department for assistance with a frozen hydrant, DPW for roadway ice control, and the Police Department for traffic control and scene support.





Our training facility was again utilized in January by the District 14 Technical Rescue Team. The team made use of the training mezzanine to place personnel in challenging, real-world rescue scenarios. The new fire station continues to serve as a premier training location for the Maynard Fire Department as well as neighboring communities. In February, the Hudson Fire Department is scheduled to conduct department-wide training at the facility. In addition to strengthening regional preparedness, these training activities bring visitors into town who support local restaurants and businesses and have the opportunity to explore Maynard.



Our crews will be actively working over the next several days to clear fire hydrants throughout the community, fitting this important task in between emergency responses. We recently shared the accompanying photo on social media and encouraged residents to join us in keeping hydrants accessible, highlighting the vital role the public can play in supporting community safety. Looking ahead, forecasts indicate the potential for a second winter storm this upcoming weekend, making these efforts even more critical to ensure a quick and safe emergency response if needed.

LIBRARY:

Record-Setting Checkouts Before Jan. 25 Snowstorm

It turns out libraries were almost as popular as grocery stores as people prepared for the recent snowstorm. On Saturday, Jan. 24, the Minuteman Library Network (the network the Maynard Public Library is part of) had its highest number of daily checkouts since it started logging daily checkouts—nearly 47,000! This doesn't even include ebook checkouts. Here in Maynard, we had 626 checkouts that day, which is almost double the number we had on the same Saturday a year ago.

Noon Year's Eve Party

Over 100 attendees joined us to ring in 2026—not at midnight but at noon, so children could take part in the fun. Led by Youth Services Librarian Casey Petipas-Haggerty, there was music, dancing, crafts, a story, a bubble machine, and of course, a ball drop!



Animal Adventures Show

Another children's activity during the school vacation week was the Animal Adventures Show, organized by Programming & Circulation Assistant Abby Casabona and emceed by Children's Librarian Mark Malcolm. The 80 attendees had the chance to meet and learn about a variety of animals, including an alligator and a goat!





NEED SOMETHING FIXED?

Saturday, February 28, 1:00-4:00pm
Maynard Public Library

Register at <https://bit.ly/itemcheckin>
or use this QR code



Maynard Fixit Clinic – February 28

The Library, in partnership with Green Maynard and Sustainable Stow, will hold the third Maynard Fixit Clinic on Saturday, Feb. 28, 1-4pm. Community members are invited to bring their 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! We are also seeking volunteer coaches, who may sign up at <http://bit.ly/inpersoncoachsignup>.

Upcoming Online Programs – sign up to receive link at maynardpubliclibrary.org/calendar

The People's Painter: Jacob Lawrence and the Black American Experience–Feb. 5, 7pm

Iceland: Island of Glaciers and Volcanoes–Feb. 9, 7pm

Lunchtime Mindfulness and Meditation–Tuesdays, Feb. 3-24, 12:30pm

50+ Job Seekers Networking Group–Feb. 4 and 18, 9:30am

The Art Spy: The Extraordinary Untold Tale of WWII Resistance Hero Rose Valland–Feb. 11, 7pm

Presidential Series with Doodler Heather Rogers: John Adams–Feb. 13, 10:30am



There is so much more happening at your library this winter. See more events at maynardpubliclibrary.org/calendar!