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July 7
Large Item Pickup Begins

July 8, 7:00 pm
Town Council Meeting

July 28 - August 1
Summer Camp

B-Town Opportunities

Give the gift of life by donating
blood on August 5. Register at
bridgewater.town/blooddrive.

Improve your game during our
last Summer Baseline Tennis
Clinic (July 7-10). Go to
bridgewater.town/tennisclinic
to sign up.



Kids can explore the Town's parks to become Junior Rangers and earn prizes!

Become a Bridgewater Junior Ranger!

This month we are excited to kick off our new Junior Ranger program! This is the perfect summer adventure for young children who love exploring nature, learning about the environment, or just being outside and having fun. As Junior Rangers, they'll engage in a variety of fun activities, protect our parks, and learn how to care for the natural world as they explore our Town's parks.

Activity books will be available at 201 Green Street, Sipe Center, and Sandy Bottom Mini-Golf beginning July 7. Once they have picked up an activity book, Junior Rangers will visit parks and complete the activities for each location. Most

park visits are intended to take 30-60 minutes. Rangers will then bring their books by 201 Green Street (open Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm) to receive stickers as they complete activities. After finishing all the activities, they will receive their very own Junior Ranger ID Badge along with a bag of prizes!

This will be an ongoing program, so Rangers can complete activities at their own pace. While the program is geared toward children in preschool and elementary school, all are welcome to participate.



Did you know Bridgewater is home to
13 parks spanning almost 100 acres?
Learn more at bridgewater.town/parks.

Summer Fitness Series: Yoga

Unwind and rejuvenate with the last portion of our Outdoor Fitness series, Yoga with Chrissy. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:15 pm beginning on July 9. These classes will be offered at the Wildwood Park Downrush Vista overlooking the North River. Chrissy will guide you through a yoga flow class focused on breathing and movement for the ultimate yoga practice. The soothing sounds of the Wildwood waterfall will provide a peaceful backdrop, creating the perfect environment for relaxation and recentering. All skill levels are welcome! Remember to bring your exercise mat. This fitness series is open to Bridgewater residents only. Please bring your B-Rec membership card with you.



Summer Cinema Series

Take a break from the heat and join us at Sipe Center for Free Kids Movies this summer!

Wednesdays 10:30 am & 1:00 pm	Thursdays 12:30 pm & 3:00 pm
Despicable Me 4 July 2	Kung Fu Panda 4 July 3
Angry Birds Movie July 9	Paw Patrol: The Movie July 10
Angry Birds Movie 2 July 16	The Wild Robot July 17
Migration July 23	Minions: The Rise of Gru July 24
Paw Patrol: Mighty Movie July 30	Trolls Band Together July 31

Free popcorn coupons are not redeemable for these movies.

Visit www.sipecenter.com/summermovies for the rest of the summer schedule.

Tickets are available starting thirty minutes before showtime. Don't forget to pick up your Kid's Combo for just \$4.90 + tax on your way in.



After Dark at Gen Park

Free Summer Concert Series

Saturdays, 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Generations Park

Join us as we continue our After Dark at Gen Park outdoor summer concert series this month!

The Judy Chops - July 12

Fresh from Red Wing Roots Festival, they present a unique take on Americana fusing modern and vintage music styles.

Visit bridgewater.town/afterdark for the rest of the summer schedule.

Bring your lawn chair and blankets, or you can dance the night away! Outside food and non-alcoholic drinks permitted.

Visit Old Town Hall on July 3

Old Town Hall (109 South Main Street) will be open for extended hours for the Eve of Independence Celebration on July 3. Drop by between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm to experience our Story Realm displays on the histories of Old Town Hall and the Bridgewater Retirement Community. While you are there, pick up a coupon for a discount at food trucks at Gen Park that evening (while supplies last). Can't make it July 3? Old Town Hall is open regularly Monday-Saturday, 10:00 am-3:00 pm.

Mini-Golf and Par-3 Open Daily

Sandy Bottom Mini-Golf is now open 12:00-9:00 pm daily. Par-3 Golf is open every day from 6:00 am until dark. Both courses are, of course, free for all residents with a B-Rec card.

Y: Jay's Column About Policy

Seeking Harmony

We had some troubling occurrences in Oakdale Park this spring. For the most part, these occurrences consisted of teenage boys doing the kinds of things that teenage boys do. The resulting environment was not dire, but it was surely unpleasant.

Our sense here at 201 Green Street is that citizens have a right to pleasant experiences in Town parks and that depriving them of that right is akin to thievery. We take such situations very seriously, and we try to rectify them as soon as we can.

Our first instinct was to establish order in the park using any legal means. But after some thought and discussion, our objective evolved. We should look to achieve harmony, not just order. Reaching either objective requires policing, but the nature of the policing differs.

Achieving order is straightforward. Police drive through the park looking for bad behavior. If they see it (assuming it is illegal) they warn the offenders not to do any more bad things. The actions would be more stern for repeat offenders.

Seeking harmony might look the same from 30,000 feet, but the actions on the ground are far different. Our officers take a little more time to walk or bike through the park. If they see bad behavior, they confront it, as described above. But they hope not to see it. They hope that their presence will deter bad actions. And they hope that they can build relationships with park patrons which will lead the patrons to call us when bad things occur.

So finding harmony is more about becoming part of the milieu of the park and repairing it from within when necessary. It is much less about restoring order from the outside. I guess seeking harmony can be a little touchy-feely, but only up to a point. We have had to ask several young gentlemen not to visit the park for a period of time. Maybe it was the no-trespass notices which have made for more pleasant summer, but I prefer to think that we have found a measure of harmony.

-Jay Litten, Town Manager



This Month at Sipe Center

Movies



The Last Rodeo

Thursday, July 3, 6:30 pm
Saturday, July 5, 4:00 & 7:00 pm
Sunday, July 6, 2:00 & 5:30 pm



Harris Concert Series

Sundays, 7:00-8:00 pm

Soild Ground - July 13

Gospel music with a country sound

Boogie Kings - July 20

A mix of ragtime, rock, and boogie woogie

Isaac Stroupe - July 27

A mixture of classic country, oldies, rock'n'roll, and southern gospel

Free & open to the public. Seating is general admission on a first-come, first-served basis.



Live Performances



Comedy Class Showcase

Friday, July 11, 7:30 pm
Tickets \$12

Sipe Center Box Office
Open Thursday – Sunday
3:00 – 8:00 pm
(540) 908-4208
www.sipecenter.com



Local Postal Customer

Project Status Updates

Signal Coordination

Necessary equipment upgrades have been completed and signal coordination is ongoing.

Riverwalk III & Gen Oak Connector II

Plans for both projects are about 70% complete; design work should be done by this fall.

Wellness Quarter

Engineering and design work continues.

Shiverwood Park

Excavation and grading work nearing completion.

Turner Ashby Drive

Lighting to be installed on the new section connecting with Oakwood Drive; road to be open before the start of school.

For more information and a full description of these projects, visit bridgewater.town/projects.

Eve of Independence Celebration Set for July 3

Join us on Thursday, July 3 for our Eve of Independence Celebration. Enjoy live music at Generations Park beginning at 7:30 pm performed by The Reflex, known for bringing the music of the '80s to life. We'll have food trucks on site (and we suggest you pick up a coupon at Old Town Hall; see page 2). Fireworks will light up the sky behind the Town Office starting at 9:25 pm. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, and celebrate the spirit of Independence Day with family, friends, and neighbors!



Generations Park is the place to enjoy live music and to watch the fireworks in celebration of the Eve of Independence.

Register for the Race to the Bottom 5K



Start your Labor Day celebration with the Race to the Bottom 5K!

Register now for the Race to the Bottom 5K on Labor Day, September 1 starting at 8:00 am. Sign up by August 17 for the reduced rates of \$25 for adults and \$15 for children, and your t-shirt will be guaranteed. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. We welcome participants of all ages and fitness levels. Walkers, strollers, and dogs are all welcome on the course.

Register at bridgewater.town/5k, and start preparing for the race!