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May 4

Large Item Pickup Begins

May 12, 7:00 pm

Town Council Meeting

May 25

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Town Offices Closed

Trash Service Delayed to
May 26 & 27

B-Town Opportunities

The Spring Yard Sale Day is
Saturday, June 6. Email

yardsaleday@bridgewater.town to
list your sale.

Register for
Summer Camp
beginning May 1!



Summer Camp for ages 5-11 is
scheduled for July 27-30 and will
include crafts, sports, and science
at some of our most popular
parks. Register by July 1 at
bridgewater.town/summercamp.



We fully mill streets down before placing a new layer of asphalt. This prevents stormwater runoff issues that could occur if the street level were raised by the new layer.

Paving Season Is Here!

The warmer weather we've been having marks not only the beginning of spring but also time for paving season. Throughout the month of May, we will have a contractor paving and patching roads around town. We plan to work on the intersection of College and Main Streets, a portion of Oakwood Drive, and a number of neighborhood streets

Why, you might ask, is this the paving season? VDOT provides us with funds each year for street maintenance. We use these throughout the fiscal year (July - June) to maintain streets including right-of-way mowing, snow removal, and salting. Since these costs can vary from year to year, we wait until the threat of snow has passed

and we are near the end of the fiscal year to determine how much funding is left. We then prioritize what paving needs to be done to keep our streets in the best state of repair we can.

Staying in the Know

If your property will be directly affected by paving, we will deliver a notice to your home the day before. We will need you to park off-street during the paving work.

When streets that carry a lot of traffic are affected (e.g., Main Street and Oakwood Drive), we will send out a notice on the Buzz so you can adjust your travel accordingly.

Strollers & Sneakers Back in Action

Take advantage of the warmer weather and all that Bridgewater has to offer! Join us for Strollers & Sneakers every other Friday at 9:30 AM as we explore some of Bridgewater's beautiful parks and trails.

This welcoming group is a great way to connect, enjoy the outdoors, and build community—all are welcome!

May 8 - Oakdale Park (meet at Shelter 3)

May 22 - Riverwalk (meet at the Edgebriar fountain)

June 5 - Wildwood Park (meet at Downrush Vista)

Outdoor Fitness Series: Pilates



Spring is the perfect time to get moving outdoors! Join us every Thursday in May from 6:30 to 7:15 PM at the Downrush Vista in Wildwood Park for Pilates.

Led by Emily Larson, a certified group fitness instructor, these sessions will focus on strengthening your core and back while improving flexibility and range of motion. Exercises primarily target the spine and hips and are performed on a mat.

This free series is exclusively for Bridgewater residents. Please bring your own mat and B-Rec membership card.

Mini-Golf To Be Open Daily

Sandy Bottom Mini-Golf is currently open Friday - Sunday, 12:00 - 9:00 pm. Beginning on Memorial Day (May 25), Mini-Golf will be open seven days a week, 12:00 - 9:00 pm. There is no cost for residents with a B-Rec card; the cost is \$5 for all others.

Large Item Pickup Reminders

Large item pickup is one of the most popular services we offer as a Town—and one of the most labor-intensive. We want to remind you of a few things that will help you make the most of this service and help our crew to complete the task efficiently and effectively.



Large item pickup begins on the first Monday of the month and continues throughout the week until our crew has made it all the way through town. In the case of Monday holidays, we begin the next business day.

All items need to be placed curbside by 7:00 am on Monday so that we can plan our week accordingly. Our crew will not return for items placed out later in the week.

Items need to be sorted into metals/appliances, furniture, tree limbs and brush, and other trash too large for weekly pickup. Our crews place these different items into different trucks because they are delivered to different areas of the landfill. Your initial sorting helps our crew work more quickly and get to everyone in a timely fashion.

We can only accommodate a limited amount of large items per household each month. We limit monthly pickup to nine cubic yards per household—which is still a lot!

We do not collect tree limbs greater than 8 feet in length or 6 inches in diameter. This means no tree stumps. We also do not collect hazardous waste (see below about the landfill's hazardous waste disposal day).

See bridgewater.town/largeitem for more details, or call B-Connected at (540) 908-4212 with any questions.

Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

The Rockingham County Landfill is holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, May 9, 8 am to noon. Accepted items include motor oil, antifreeze, oil-based paint, pesticides, batteries, and fluorescent lights. Find out more at bridgewater.town/hazardouswaste.

Y: Jay's Column About Policy

Paving Season!

As the days get longer and the evenings a little less chilly, we shift from Budget Season to that other wondrous time: Paving Season. Take time to savor the smells and sounds!

Seriously, you can expect to see paving trucks around town in the coming weeks, though the spectacle isn't quite what it used to be. In years past, we spent all of our highway maintenance funds on either snow removal or paving. Accordingly, we sometimes paved streets which didn't really need it (which, at least, was preferable to plowing imaginary snow). Now, though, we have become more sophisticated about the various permitted uses for the funds. To be sure, you will still see us pave streets, but you will also see us repair some sidewalks, repaint some crosswalks, and ~~improve~~ restore some drainage systems. (The regulations don't allow us to make things better than they were originally.)



There is another reason you'll see fewer paving trucks this year than in the past: world events. Asphalt contains quite a bit of petroleum, and the application process also uses a lot of oil. So when the Strait of Hormuz shut down, and the price of oil increased, it affected our paving plans. It really illustrates how interconnected the world is that the Iranian government could cause us to repair your friend's sidewalk instead of repaving your street.

And if, perchance, Paving Season isn't one of your favorite times, bear with us. We'll do our best to make the season as painless as possible—even for those who don't celebrate the season.

-Jay Litten, Town Manager

This Month at Sipe Center

Movies Coming Soon...



I Can Only Imagine 2



Reminders of Him



The Pout-Pout Fish



Hoppers

See www.sipecenter.com/movies for showtimes and tickets!

Revolutionary Stories

A Series In Honor of 250 Years of American History
Doors/Box Office will open at 2:30 pm



SEABISCUIT
MAY 07: 3:00 PM



CINDERELLA MAN
MAY 14: 3:00 PM



APOLLO 13
MAY 21: 3:00 PM



THE CONSPIRATOR
MAY 28: 3:00 PM

TICKETS ARE ONLY \$3!
SIPECENTER.COM

Live Performances

Note-oriety

Voices in the Valley Series

Friday, May 1, 7:30 pm
Tickets \$20

JMU's award-winning upper voices a cappella group



Visit www.sipecenter.com/liveperformances for tickets!

Sipe Center Box Office

Open Thursday – Sunday

3:00 – 8:00 pm

(540) 908-4208

www.sipecenter.com



**Local
Postal Customer**

Project Status Updates

Crosswalk Signals

Invitation to Bid posted on April 17 with bids due on May 20. We hope to complete the project this summer.

Wellness Quarter

Concrete pouring should be completed this week. Next steps include siding and sprinkler system installation.

Fountainhead Subdivision

Beginning work on CDBG construction grant application that could provide funding for water and sewer line improvements.

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

Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is on June 9 at Arey Assembly Hall (201 Green Street). Sign up for a slot at bridgewater.town/blooddrive.

Upcoming Workshops at Sipe Center

Charcuterie Carving & Crafting

Monday, May 11, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

This is not your typical charcuterie layout and design class! In this class, learn to carve and fold fun and beautiful decorative foods to make your charcuterie adventures extra special! Along with your beautiful creations, you will take home a serving of bread and a delicious dipping set of Tuscan Herb Olive Oil & 18-year-aged Dark Italian Balsamic to enjoy! The cost is \$55 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. Visit bridgewater.town/workshop to register.



Take your charcuterie to the next level by carving beautiful displays!



Learn the skills to make your own sourdough bread!

Sourdough Workshop

Saturday, June 6, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join Sourdough by AC for a hands-on sourdough class where you'll learn how to bake beautiful, homemade bread from scratch! You'll leave with the confidence (and tools!) to continue baking at home. The cost is \$70 for residents and \$75 for non-residents. Visit bridgewater.town/workshop to register. This filled up quickly the last time we offered it, so reserve your spot today!