

Hingham Weekly Update

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Hello everyone, my name is Tom Mayo and I'm Hingham's Town Administrator. This is a new initiative that we are simply referring to as Hingham's Weekly Updates. Every Monday, we will create a short video explaining what's happening in Hingham in the week to come. We hope you find it informative as we are trying new ways to reach everyone. Thank you and have a great week!

Recreational Camp Licensing in Hingham

The Health Department is working on permitting over 20 recreational camps this year. Any program that meets the definition of a recreational camp is inspected and licensed by the Health Department and must comply with all regulatory standards established by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH).

If you would like to confirm whether your child's camp is licensed, please contact the Health Department. A full list of licensed camps will also be posted on the Health Department's website once it is complete.

The Health Department is committed to helping ensure that children in Hingham have a safe and enjoyable summer at licensed camp programs.

Food Truck Permitting in Hingham

The Health Department has permitted 16 food trucks this year. A full list, including contact information, is available on the Health Department's website.

All permitted food trucks have been inspected and comply with all state regulations to help ensure safe operations at events throughout the summer season.

If you have any questions, please contact the Health Department.

Last day of school was Tuesday

Also, please keep in mind that the last day of school was this past Tuesday. I'd like to congratulate all of our 2026 graduates and wish them all well, while reminding everyone that kids will be out and about throughout the summer, so please drive carefully.

Fountain Square Realignment Project

The work at the intersection of Lincoln and North is proceeding well and we expect this project to wrap up this week.

Water System Update

We would like to thank our customers that are complying with the current watering ban. Our tanks have recovered to non-critical levels, but the Southeast Region remains in a Level 2 – Significant Drought. We will be moving to a Level 2 Drought Schedule which continues to ban the use of lawn irrigation systems and overall lawn watering. Residents can return to using hand held hoses for plantings, gardens, flowers and other essential watering needs. Please keep in mind the WRWS website has information regarding the current schedule, and water conservation materials including how established lawns will “bounce back” after going into a dormant stage for a period of time.”

Heat Wave

We are expecting to experience a heat wave this week, if you feel you or someone you know needs a break from the heat you can visit the Hingham Center for Active Living or the Library during the week, if it's on Friday, you can visit the South Shore Country Club. Please remember to check on your neighbors and pets.

I'd now like to turn it over to Julie Strehle of the Select Board.

Thank you Tom.

Hello, my name is Julie Strehle, and I'm one of the three members of the Hingham Select Board. Thank you for tuning into our Hingham Weekly Update. I am excited about this opportunity to connect with the community each week to keep you updated on things happening in our Town.

I'm going to give you an update on 2 new police officers, how we're dealing with the drought, the MyHingham app, this week's Select Board meeting, new appointments to Town Committees, and the upcoming exciting 4th of July festivities.

A police update, as the Select Board also serve as Police Commissioners. Three weeks ago, we interviewed and hired two officers for lateral transfer into the Hingham Police Department. Both officers have great work experience and both scored and interviewed well during the process. We welcome Evan Bar-Bear-a, who transferred from West Hartford, CT, and Brendan Dabrolet transferred from Provincetown, who both begin in Hingham this week.

The Select Board also serve as Water Commissioners for the Weir River Water System.

The Board of Water Commissioners meets tomorrow, Tuesday June 30th, at 5:30 p.m. I look forward to hearing updates from the Water Superintendent and from Veolia.

I want to reiterate that our area of the state is experiencing significant drought. Our aquifer levels are lower than usual, this is the water in the wells beneath us, and that has an effect on the water system's capacity.

We need to make sure that we reserve our water for our drinking and household supply uses, and ability to fight fires. So that's why we continue our ban on all types of lawn watering—no sprinklers, no irrigation.

Thank you for your continued help with this water ban, it's not ideal at the moment for the lawns but for the greater good.

Somewhat related to the drought, you heard about the heat coming, There is a Town app called My Hingham, which will give you updates on Hingham events and news, so please stay informed, you can use this app to get updates, including anything heat related. Or you can always look at the Town's website homepage.

The Select Board also meets tomorrow, June 30th, at 6:00 p.m. (after the Water Commissioners Meeting). On the Agenda, we have year-end inter-and-intra departmental transfers, we will discuss FY27 Plans for Opioid Settlement Funds, and get an update from the 2025 School Building Committee.

We may also make some appointments to committees. We had 3 nights of Talent Bank Interviews this month. I want to thank all of the residents who volunteered for various openings on town committees. We have great candidates, and I'm so impressed by the support and willingness of people to put in the time to serve on our Town committees.

FINALLY, we have a big week ahead with festivities to celebrate the 4th of July and the 250th birthday of our nation. Website to keep you updated Hingham250.org

Thursday July 1st All American Picnic and Dance party at Hingham Harbor Bathing Beach area. Festivities begin at 3:00 p.m. with kids activities. Food trucks arrive at 5:00 p.m., there will be a beer beverage tent, and at 7:00 p.m. the band Booty Vortex will play on the bandstand to lead a community dance party.(Note there are no fireworks and no drone show. But there will be a mister machine to help cool you off.)

On July 4th, we have the annual Road Race at 7:00 a.m., which is run by the Recreation Department. You can sign up online by going to the Hingham Recreation page on the Town's website.

Then at 10:00 a.m. we have the annual Hingham 4th of July parade, thank you to all of the volunteers on the 4th of July Parade Committee for their hard work, it's going to be an amazing parade this year for the 250th anniversary.

And looking ahead to next Wednesday July 8th, there will be a community reading of the Declaration of Independence, part of a nationwide synchronized reading of this founding document, starting at 5:30 p.m. at Old Ship Meetinghouse.

All of these activities are detailed on the Hingham250.org website.

I hope everyone has a great week. Thanks for listening!