

Hingham Weekly Update

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Hello everyone, my name is Art Robert and I'm Hingham's Assistant Town Administrator for Operations.

Thank you for joining us for the July 13 edition of Hingham's Weekly Update.

Our purpose is to give community members information related to the upcoming week. The update may include meeting notices, upcoming events, helpful tips, or more. Each week, we will record a weekly video and make it available through the Town website (www.hingham-ma.gov/weeklyupdate) and through a link on the Town Facebook page. We hope you enjoy the videos!

While the summer season may seem quiet, Hingham town government is making most of the summer months. From an operations view, here are a few updates:

Recreation – Summer Camp Season

Our Recreation Department's summer season is in full swing, offering camp activities for youth from age 3 through 8th grade throughout the summer. This year's enrollment has reached 4,715. To make this all come together, the Recreation Department – with the support of our Human Resources Department – recruited, interviewed, hired, and trained 147 counselors, life guards, and senior staff, as well as onboarding 30 volunteers. The summer camp season is most welcome here at Town Hall, as it brings youthful energy and excitement here and at nearby Cronin Field! Residents can learn more about Recreation-led

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activities and events at their web site:

<https://hinghamma.myrec.com/info/>.

Select Board - Procurement

Since Town Meeting in late April, Town staff have been working to implement decisions approved by residents. Central to much of this work is David Sequeira, the Town's Procurement Manager, who works out of the Select Board office. In recent weeks, David has coordinated 14 procurements, leading to \$5.2M contracts for our DPW, roadway paving, Fire Department, Police Department, and Harbormaster. David is working on another 14 upcoming bids and projects supporting a wide range of town activities, such as the Library, South Shore Country Club, Recreation, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Hall, and the sale of 230 North Street. Residents and others interested can learn more about contracting opportunities at <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/981/procurement>.

Historical Commission – 2026 Annual Hingham Historical Essay Contest

The Hingham Historical Commission recently announced 2026 winners of its annual Hingham Historical Essay Contest.

- First Prize: Sam Elizabeth Downs, "[From Outsiders to Neighbors: The History of Italian Immigrants in Hingham](#)"
- Second Prize: Caryn Finnerty, "Eleanor Roosevelt's Hingham"

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- Third Prize: Shelby McConnell, “The Conservation of World’s End”

The contest is open to Hingham residents attending any high school and asks entrants to focus on the history of Hingham, circa 1945 or earlier, with winners selected by the Hingham Historical Commission. All winning essays are available for reading at the Hingham Public Library.

Thanks for checking in with us – and feel free to reach out to the Select Board office with questions about these activities – or any others.

I will be followed by Select Board member Julie Strehle.

Transition – Julie Strehle

Thanks Art. Hello everyone, 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.

Last Wednesday’s community reading of the Declaration of Independence drew a couple hundred attendees on the lawn by the Old Ship Meeting House. We appreciate the participation of speakers drawn from so many facets of Hingham life. The Town appreciates the successful collaboration with the Hingham Historical Society on this event, and all participants in the Rev250 Task Force: Co-Chairs Deirdre Anderson from the Hingham Historical Society and Art Robert, Town of

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Hingham Assistant Town Administrator for Operations; Marco Boer, Chair of the Harbor Development Committee; Joe Cusker, Former Member, Hingham Development and Industrial Commission; Joe Fisher, former Select Board Member and current member, HMLP Board and Hingham Sewer Commission; Heidi Gaul, the Town of Hingham Historic Preservation Administrator, and Laura Towle, Executive Director of the Hingham Downtown Association

Due to the ongoing drought, lack of rainfall, high temperatures coming back this week, and declining groundwater levels, we are remaining in Level 2 water restrictions, which is a total ban on outdoor lawn watering. Every resident's cooperation is essential to protecting our water supply and ensuring emergency fire protection when it is needed most. Thank you for doing your part to help keep our communities safe.

And finally, our Town committees and boards continue their year-round work. You can see on the Town website's homepage that this week there are a lot of meetings scheduled, the Board of Assessors, School Committee, Planning Board and Conservation Commission all meet tonight, tomorrow the Council on Aging, Housing Authority, 2025 School Building Committee and Zoning Board of Appeals meet, and Thursday the Open Space Acquisition Committee and Historic Districts Commission are scheduled to meet. Meetings get added and agenda do get updated, so keep an eye on the Town website for any changes, or you can use the MyHingham app.

Thank you for tuning in and I hope that everyone has a great week.