

Hingham Weekly Update

August 17, 2026

Good morning everyone, Tom Mayo here with this week's Hingham Weekly Update.

I have a few operational updates to pass along:

The building department continues to issue building permits halfway through the fiscal year at a steady pace, these include residential and commercial projects throughout the town. Please contact the building department if you have any questions or concerns.

Hingham Beaches are open and going for a record of no beach closing in 2026! We encourage residents to enjoy the beach while the summer weather lasts!

Our work in the Town Hall parking lot is wrapping up this week. Thank you again for your patience as we complete this project.

In the wake of our Rev250 celebrations, I wanted to pass along that Hingham Town Historian James Conroy has recently published a book called Hingham in the American Revolution – Not the gift of kings. It tells the story of how the local experience, decisions, and sacrifice carried one community, and ultimately a nation, into independence. The book is available for purchase at the Hingham Historical Society located at 34 Main Street.

The good work of our town committees continues this week. On Monday, The Affordable Housing Trust, Open Space Acquisition Committee, School Committee and Conservation Committee meet; Tuesday is a busy day with several meetings, including: the Advisory Committee, School Committee, 2025 School Building Committee and the Bare Cove Park Committee. On Wednesday, the Municipal Light Board and School Committee will meet and on Thursday, the Historic Districts Commission will meet. You can view agendas and any added meetings on the Town's website at Hingham-ma.gov.

The Select Board is not scheduled to meet this week though they will be back at it on Tuesday the 25th.

Now I'd like to turn it over to the Chair of the School Committee, Jen Benham for an update from the School Department.

Good morning, Jen Benham here, Chair of the Hingham School Committee. There's a lot happening across Hingham Public Schools and within the School Committee as the district prepares for the start of the 26-27 school year.

Next Monday, August 24th the district will welcome new teachers to Hingham Public Schools and High School Fall athletes will return to campus. All staff will participate in building based convocation activities on Wednesday the 26th and Thursday the 27th. Also on Thursday the

27th, incoming 9th graders will head to the High School for orientation. It's an exciting time of year as our schools get ready to welcome everyone back.

The School Committee has a busy week ahead. At our meeting tonight August 17th, we'll review the student and family handbooks for the elementary, middle and high school. We'll also receive an update from the School Building Committee on the South Elementary and Plymouth River Elementary School, roof projects.

On Tuesday, the School Building Committee is expected to consider a potential vote on the final schematic designs for both roofs, followed by anticipated votes by the School Committee on Wednesday the 19th. These are important milestones as the projects continue towards the Special Town Meeting this Fall.

And finally, a nice example of the connection between our schools and the broader community: Hingham High School alumni collaborated with Hingham High School Jazz Band volunteers to perform a concert at the Hingham Center for Active Living last week. Many thanks to the students, musicians and alumni that made this event possible.

There's a lot to look forward to as the new school year approaches. Thanks for tuning in and enjoy the rest of your summer.