

Hingham Weekly Update

September 21, 2026

Hi Everyone, Tom Mayo here with this weeks update:

The Recreation Department is very excited about the fall programming that has just kicked off.

- We had our first class of our basketball program with 36 participants across our two age groups.
- We had our first week of Hingham Youth Tennis with about 60 participants ranging from 3 years old up to 10 years old
- We also had our first week of Hingham Middle School Tennis right after school with almost 50 6th, 7th, and 8th grade participants
- We had our first week of partnering with the South Shore Country Club for our Golf for Kids and Juniors program with about 40 participants
- And this Sunday we will start our Kid Kickers program for 2,3,4 and 5 year olds with just about 150 participants

To inquire about programs at the rec, please visit their website at HinghamRec.com.

The Building Department is reporting that they have started conducting annual certificate of inspections to 150 businesses, schools, apartment buildings and restaurants.

The Hingham police department continues to benefit from the town's decision to remove the department from civil service, which occurred at the last town meeting. 3 lateral candidates for the position of police officer will be interviewing in front of the select board on Tuesday, September 22. The benefit of lateral candidates is that they are already trained and can begin working on the road after just a few weeks of orientation. These candidates will be interviewing with the Select Board at their meeting tomorrow evening.

The Weir River Water System would like to thank all customers who continue to comply with the watering restrictions. Tank levels continue to improve daily and customers will be receiving a letter in the mail updating them on the current drought situation. Also, over the next few months, two major projects will be going out to bid. First the Route 3A water main replacement project and then the new water storage tank in Hull. These two projects will make significant improvements as we continue reinvesting in the water system.

That's all I have for today, I'll turn it over to Julie Strehle of the Select Board.

Thanks Tom. Hello Hingham. I want to highlight some of the committee meetings this week. On Tuesday evening, the Board of Water Commissioners will vote on a contract for design services for aging water main replacement in the area of Main, Short and Middle Streets, ahead of the new roundabout construction at that intersection. The Board of Water Commissioners will also consider drought restrictions and a new fine schedule.

This week, several different committees have meetings concerning the upcoming Special Town Meeting to be held on Thursday, October 29th. The Articles for this Special Town Meeting are for the construction funding for roof replacement at South Elementary School, construction funding for roof replacement at Plymouth River Elementary School, and some extra funding for continued design and pre-construction services for the roof and HVAC replacement project at Hingham High School. The Select Board will vote on these Articles on Tuesday evening, the Advisory Committee also meets to consider these Articles on Tuesday and Thursday, and both committees' meetings will be attended by the 2025 School Building Committee.

On Tuesday evening, the Select Board will also consider a contract for repairs at the Lincoln School Apartments, and conduct interviews for prospective Police Officer lateral transfers.

Other committee meetings this week are the Municipal Light Board, Country Club Management Committee, Commission on Disabilities, and Cultural Council. On the Town of Hingham website, please consult the Calendar section on the homepage for more information.

As the ongoing work of Town committees continues, I'd like to point out that several Task Forces are hard at work to study town issues. The Electronic Voting Task Force has been working to interview similar Open Town Meeting towns who use electronic voting devices to record votes, to get recommendations on vendors and best practices. The EV Task Force will report a vendor recommendation to the Select Board later this fall. The Health Care Task Force is working with a consultant to determine options for changes to healthcare for Town employees and will have more information later this fall. And the Sustainable Budget Task Force continues its work to consider current conditions affecting the Town's budget, and a renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding to regulate budget growth. The SBTF plans to produce a final report by late fall.

Thanks for tuning in and I hope that you all have a great week.