

THE BREWER CHRONICLE

JULY 2024

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF BREWER

July Calendar

Monday, July 1

Planning Board Meeting,
6pm, City Council Chambers

Thursday, July 4

City Hall Closed in
observance of Independence
Day

Tuesday, July 9

City Council Meeting, 6pm,
City Council Chambers

The Brewer Public Library, located at 100 South Main Street, holds a wide variety of ongoing events throughout the year. [Click here](#) to learn more about what the Brewer Public Library has to offer!

Please visit the City website calendar for more information on these events and meetings at www.brewermaine.gov

City of Brewer Launches an Official Facebook Page

The City of Brewer is excited to announce the launch of its [official Facebook page](#), a new digital platform designed to provide timely and important information to residents and those who work in Brewer. This initiative marks a significant step forward in enhancing communication and fostering a stronger sense of community.

With the rapid growth of social media as a primary source of news and updates, the City of Brewer recognizes the importance of leveraging this platform to reach a broader audience. The Facebook page will serve as an important hub for sharing critical information, including city announcements, public safety alerts, community events, and updates on municipal services.

Mayor Jenn Morin emphasized the value of this new communication tool: "Our goal is to ensure that everyone in Brewer has easy access to the information they need. Whether it's a weather advisory, a road closure, or an upcoming community event, our Facebook page will keep residents informed and connected."

The Facebook page will feature regular posts and updates from the City, providing followers with real-time information. The City of Brewer encourages all residents, business owners, and workers in the city to follow the new Facebook page and stay updated. To find the page, simply search for "City of Brewer" on Facebook or [click here](#).

In addition to providing updates, the Facebook page will also highlight the vibrant community spirit of Brewer. Followers can look forward to seeing photos and stories from local events, spotlights on community members, and features on local businesses. It's a space where the community can come together, celebrate achievements, and stay connected.

Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Brewer Public Library Events

Maine Underground Railroad, with Mark Leslie
Monday, July 1st at 7pm
Brewer Public Library Cayford Room



Mainers from Kittery to Fort Kent were crucial to helping runaway slaves escape to Canada in the 1800s, defying the federal Fugitive Slave Act as they operated as “station managers,” “conductors,” and “financiers” in the famous Underground Railroad. Among those who put their selves and their fortunes at risk were a number of Eastern Maine families, including the Holyokes of Brewer. Their collective story will be told in a Powerpoint presentation at 7 p.m., July 1 at the Brewer Public Library at 100 South Main St. by award-winning author Mark Alan Leslie. A book signing will follow Leslie’s talk.

After a 30-year journalism career – in which he won six national magazine writing awards – Leslie has devoted his time to writing 13 books. Among them are True North: Tice’s Story about one slave’s escape over the Underground Railroad, which was named a Publishers Weekly Featured Book, and A Cause Most Splendid, which in 2022 was named the Best Novel of the Year by the American Family Association.



Boppa Chua, with Marc & Susan Black
Friday, July 19th, 6pm
Joseph L. Ferris Community Center

On Friday, July 19th at 6pm in the Joseph L. Community Center, Marc Black, NY Blues Hall of Fame inductee, will be your guide for a trip through the memorable and colorful decades of the 50s and 60s. This two person show is a multi-media and multi-dimensional presentation in song, storytelling and plenty of laughter.

From bobby socks, through the space race, and on to civil rights and classic rock, audiences have found this show to be entertaining, inspirational and even a bit educational. Songs as

diverse as Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka-dot Bikini and Blowin’ in the Wind lead to spontaneous singing springing up all around the theater.

Marc’s history includes his high school band, The Blades of Grass, hitting the top forty and touring with the Doors and Van Morrison as well as his recording and performing with the likes of Art Garfunkel, Taj Mahal and Richie Havens. He embodies the confidence and originality that comes from his lifelong dedication to his craft. And to bring this exciting show altogether, his wife, Susan, has created a unique visual presentation that perfectly complements Marc’s music filled storytelling.

New Pine Tree License Plate Information

Starting May 1, 2025, anyone with a current Chickadee plate will be required to switch to a Pine Tree or No Tree plate upon renewal.



If you would like to keep your current plate number/sequence (including vanity and low-digit plates), you are able to reserve them now. Reserving a plate number/sequence will cost a one-time \$25.00 fee. You have a few options for how to complete the reservation:

- When using [Rapid Renewal](#) to renew your vehicle's registration.
- Through an [online portal](#).
- At a branch office (i.e. Bangor DMV).
- By mailing in a paper form, which is available to be picked up at Brewer City Hall or you may [complete and print this fillable form](#) and bring it with you to a BMV office or mail it to the State.

Upcoming Important Dates and Reminders

Planning Board Meeting Scheduled for July 1, 2024

The Brewer Planning Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, July 1, 2024 at 6pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 80 North Main Street. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Johns, City Planner at (207) 989-8431.

City Council Meeting Scheduled for July 9, 2024

The City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 9 at 6pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 80 North Main Street. The agenda will be posted on the City website and at City Hall. [Click here](#) to view the Council meeting schedule, or to review past agendas and minutes. City Council meetings may be viewed live on the [City website](#). Meetings are also recorded and posted on the City's website and may be viewed at any time.

Sign Up for Notify Brewer!

Want to know what's happening in Brewer? Join Notify Brewer, the City's new alert system that sends important and timely information directly to you through your preferred communication methods, whether email, text or phone. Visit the [Notify Brewer signup page to join!](#)

Wreaths Across America is Coming to Brewer!



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

We are proud to announce that the City of Brewer will host a special Wreaths Across America Ceremony on Saturday, December 14, sponsored by the new Arts and Culture Commission. This poignant event will bring together our community to honor and remember the brave men and women who have served our nation. Wreaths Across America is a nationwide initiative that aims to honor fallen veterans by placing remembrance wreaths on their graves during the holiday season. This annual tradition not only pays tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice but also serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of honoring our heroes' memories. The ceremony in Brewer will take place at

the Joseph L. Ferris Community Center on Saturday, December 14, where volunteers, veterans, and community members will gather to participate in this solemn yet uplifting event. After the ceremony, wreaths will be laid at the graves of veterans by volunteers, accompanied by heartfelt tributes and moments of reflection.

If you are interested in volunteering to lay wreaths, assisting with the Wreaths Across America ceremony, or are a local community group that would like to be involved, please contact Eric Glidden, Assistant City Manager at eglidden@brewermaine.gov or (207) 989-7500 or [sign up on the City of Brewer sponsorship page](#).

Wreaths may be sponsored to be laid on the graves of veterans buried in Brewer cemeteries at \$17 per wreath. Donations may be made online through the [Wreaths Across America sponsorship page for the City of Brewer](#) or by check made payable to Wreaths Across America, which can be dropped off or mailed to the City Hall tax office at 80 North Main Street, Brewer, ME 04412.

We look forward to bringing this meaningful event to Brewer and honoring all who have served in America's Armed Forces.

Brewer City Council

Jenn Morin, Mayor

Soubanh Phanthay, Deputy Mayor

Michele Daniels, Councilor

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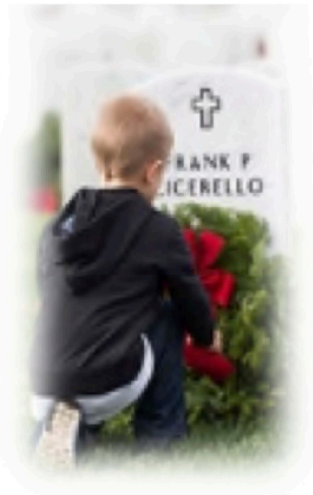
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★ **December 14, 2024** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day



Help Veterans' Memorial at the Joseph L. Ferris Community Center honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at a Brewer Cemetery.

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/MEVMJF



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