

THE BREWER CHRONICLE

JUNE 2024

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF BREWER

June Calendar

Saturday, June 1

Brewer Riverwalk Festival

Tuesday, June 4

City Council Meeting, 6pm,
City Council Chambers

Tuesday, June 11

State Primary Election
Joseph L. Ferris Community
Center
Polls open: 7am to 8pm

Wednesday, June 19

City Hall Closed in
observance of Juneteenth

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

Brewer City Council Establishes Arts and Culture Committee

At the May 14, 2024 City Council Meeting, the Council established the Arts & Culture Committee. The purpose of this Committee is to plan, facilitate and enhance community events that promote local arts and culture throughout Brewer that benefit residents of all ages and interest for their enjoyment and to provide residents occasions to meet and interact with one another.

The first two events that the Committee will sponsor are a Christmas Tree lighting and a Wreaths Across America Ceremony on December 14 (see page 2 for more details). The Committee will be comprised of Brewer residents and meet on a regular basis, as determined by the Committee. If you are interested in serving on the Arts and Culture Committee, please contact City Clerk Vincent Migliore by email at city-clerk-office@brewermaine.gov for an application, or [access it on the City website](#).

In fostering a vibrant cultural landscape and community cohesion, the establishment of the Arts and Culture Committee marks a significant step forward for Brewer. As we look ahead to engaging events and initiatives, we encourage residents to join us in celebrating the rich tapestry of arts and culture that defines our City. Together, let us embark on a journey of creativity, connection, and community engagement.

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. 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.

One of the most remarkable aspects of Wreaths Across America is its community-driven nature. Volunteers from all walks of life come together to make this event possible, embodying the spirit of gratitude and unity that defines our community and nation. In addition to honoring our fallen heroes, the Brewer ceremony also serves as an opportunity to express gratitude to all veterans and active-duty service members. Their courage, sacrifice, and dedication to protecting our freedoms deserve our utmost respect and appreciation. We invite all members of the Brewer community to join us for this meaningful ceremony. Whether you're a veteran, a family member of a service member, or simply a grateful citizen, your presence and participation are invaluable as we come together to remember, honor, and teach.

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.

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](#).



State Primary Election Tuesday, June 11

The State Primary Election will be held Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at the Joseph L. Ferris Community Center. Polls will be open from 7am to 8pm. Please note that the [Community Connector](#) is holding a Free Fare Day on June 11 for Election Day. Absentee ballot applications for the June 11, 2024 State Primary Election are available at the City Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Applications are also available on the City's website or through the [State of Maine absentee ballot request portal](#). An absentee ballot request must be received by the Municipal Clerk by the close of business on Thursday, June 6, 2024, unless special circumstances exist. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's office at (207) 989-7050 or city-clerk-office@brewermaine.gov.

Upcoming Important Dates and Reminders

Brewer Riverwalk Festival, Saturday, June 1

Come join fellow Brewer residents for the Brewer Riverwalk Festival on Saturday, June 1, 2024. Hop on a free bus ride from the Community Center, courtesy of Cyr bus, and make your way to the heart of the action on Center Street and along the Riverwalk (see page 6). The day will kick off with a speech by Mayor Jenn Morin at 11am, followed by a day of shopping, fun and entertainment. A map and schedule of events are available on page 5. For more information, visit the Brewer Riverwalk Festival [Facebook page](#).

City Council Meeting Scheduled for June 4, 2024

The City Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 4 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!

Feedback Wanted for Brewer Transportation Studies

As part of two separate projects within Brewer, we are seeking public feedback within each of the project areas. This is a map based survey created by Stantec, a consultant working for the City and Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System (BACTS) in these efforts. Directions on how to provide feedback are contained within the survey itself, we look forward to hearing your thoughts!

Center Street and Wilson Street Village Partnership Initiative (VPI) Project

The first project is the Center Street and Wilson Street Village Partnership Initiative (VPI) project. This project is looking at the portion of Center Street from North Main Street to the end of the roadway beyond Somerset Street. Our primary goal is to create a pedestrian friendly connection between the Riverwalk and the Ferris Community Center Facility, including Doyle Field. This portion of the project is also looking to replace the storm drain completely in the road and repave the roadway, while improving pedestrian connectivity to State Street. On the Wilson Street portion of the project we'll be looking to improve the accessibility of the sidewalk on the southern side of the road, while also completing needed storm drain upgrades in various locations on Wilson Street. We'll be looking at several crosswalk locations within the project area, as we look to improve the safety of these crossings.

BACTS Study on South Main Street

The second project is a collaboration between the City of Brewer and BACTS. BACTS is leading a study looking at the portion of South Main Street from Wilson Street to Abbott Street. The goal of this project is to look at safety and access management in this section of roadway. They are looking at providing conceptual improvements to the corridor to improve safety for all users, including bikes and pedestrians. The final report will provide the basis for potential improvement projects in the future.

[Access the Survey](#) -- We look forward to receiving your feedback!

New to the City of Brewer?

Use the links below to learn about the many services that the City of Brewer offers to residents:

- [Household Curbside Trash Collection](#)
- [Brewer Landfill](#)
- [Brewer Public Library](#)
- [The Brewer Riverwalk](#)
- [Brewer Parks & Recreation](#)
- [Online Payments and Services](#)
- [Starting a Business](#)



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Sat. June 1, 2024



EVENT ACTIVITIES

1) Children's Garden

11:15AM Brewer Mayor Speech
11:30AM - 12PM Magic Show
1:30PM Theater/Dance Performance
2:30PM - 3:30PM Synergy Twins
4:00PM - Theatre performance- Ten Bucks
7:30PM - 9PM I Want My MTV Retro Band

2) Riverwalk Lot on Penobscot/Betton

11AM - 4PM Touch-a-Truck
11AM - 4PM Brewer Robotics team

3) Creative Art Center

11AM - 4PM Selfie Space is Open
11AM - 4PM Free Ceramic Painting

4) Toziers Lot

11AM - 4PM Craft Fair
11AM - 4PM Toziers is Open
11AM - 4PM Food Court
3PM - 3:30PM Magic Show

5) Food Trucks

11AM - 4PM Food and Drinks Available
11AM - 4PM Mossy Ledge Adult Beverages Available

6) Next Generation

11AM - 4PM Welcome Info Desk
11AM - 4PM Theatre Open for Inside Seating + Drinks
7:30PM - 9:30PM Alumni Jazz Band \$12 Admission

7) Riverwalk

11AM - 4PM Nonprofit Tables
9:00PM Fireworks

8) Center Street

11AM - 4PM Sidewalk Chalk Drawing
11AM - 4PM Committee & Business Tables
11AM - 3PM Cornhole Tournament
1:30PM - 3:30PM Clown and Scoot Jr
1PM Theatre/Dance Performance
1:30PM - 3PM Chris Ross Performance
3PM - Theatre/Dance Performance

9) Porta Potty All Day

10) Outside Gym at Center St

9AM - 11AM Demonstration by Amy Curry + Table



Bus Drop Off/Pick Up Locations

High Tide open at 11AM - 10PM
7PM Aftershock Band

Downtown Charcuterie open at 11AM - 4PM

Huckleberries Gifts open at 9:30AM - 4:00PM
Book Signings

Mason's open at 10:30AM - 10PM
11AM - 4PM Humane Society Booth

Community Center
10:30AM - 4:30PM Shuttle Pickup Farmers Market
5PM - 7PM American Legion Spaghetti Dinner \$8

This event was made possible with assistance from our sponsors

11AM - 4PM

Afternoon Events

Evening Events

City Of Brewer - Somic America Inc. - Kiwanis - Epstein
Box of Maine - First National Bank - Next Generation - Masons
Winterport Boot - W.S. Emerson - Selfie Space - Soma Novo
Creative Arts Center - Thriving Proof - Downeast Credit Union
High Tide - Twin City Tire - Tiller & Rye - Renewal by Anderson
Casella - GoNetSpeed - Downeast Toyota - Cyr Bus Company



**Corner of
Penobscot St &
Center St**

**Tozier's
Parking Lot**

2024 Pick Up &
Drop Off Locations
Free Shuttle Services Provided
by Cyr Bus Line

Kiwanis
BREWER - BANGOR
AREA KIWANIS CLUB



**June
1st**

**Joseph Ferris
Community
Center**

**Free Parking
available at
Joseph Ferris
Community Center**

Brewer City Council

Jenn Morin, Mayor

Soubanh Phanthay, Deputy Mayor

Michele Daniels, Councilor

Dani O'Halloran, Councilor

Bill Kimball, Councilor