

THE BREWER CHRONICLE

DECEMBER 2024
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF BREWER

December Calendar

Monday, December 2

Planning Board Meeting,
6pm, City Council Chambers

Tuesday, December 10

City Council Meeting, 4:30pm,
City Council Chambers

Monday, December 16

Arts and Culture Committee,
6pm, City Council Chambers

Tuesday, December 17

City Council Workshop, 2pm,
City Council Chambers

Wednesday, December 18

South Main Street Corridor
Study Project Public Meeting,
4pm, City Council Chambers

Wednesday, December 25

City Hall and administrative
offices closed for the
Christmas Holiday

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!

Brewer Rings in Holiday Season With Festive Christmas Tree Lighting Event



The City of Brewer kicked off the holiday season in style with a magical Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, November 30, hosted by the Brewer Arts and Culture Committee. Set against the scenic backdrop of the Brewer Riverwalk at the Children's Garden, the event drew families, friends, and

community members together to celebrate the joy of the season. The evening began with free hot cocoa generously donated by Tim Horton's. Residents gathered to enjoy the warmth of community spirit, sharing laughter and conversation under twinkling lights. The excitement reached a peak when special guests Mr. and Mrs. Claus made a grand appearance, much to the delight of children and adults alike. Santa and Mrs. Claus graciously posed for free photos, courtesy of Selfie Space, creating cherished memories for families to take home. Their warm smiles and cheerful greetings added an extra dose of holiday magic to the event.

As anticipation built, the countdown to the tree lighting began. When the switch was flipped, the Christmas tree came alive with dazzling lights, casting a colorful glow over the Riverwalk. The moment was met with cheers and applause, as the community united to celebrate the season of giving and togetherness.



The Tree Lighting Ceremony not only marked the beginning of the holiday season but also highlighted the beauty and charm of Brewer's Riverwalk, a beloved gathering place year-round. The event was a perfect blend of festive cheer and community connection, reminding everyone of the magic of the season.

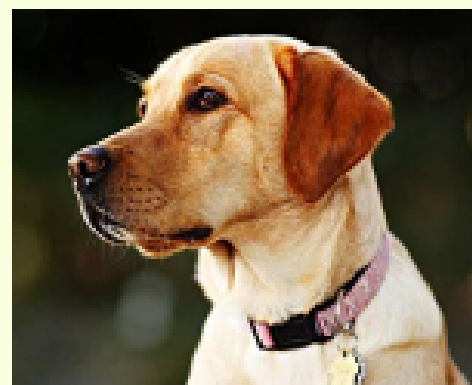
From the Brewer Arts and Culture Committee, the Parks and Recreation Department, to all who attended, thank you for making this event such a special evening. Here's to a joyful holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, community and togetherness!

Join Us for Wreaths Across America Day on Saturday, December 14!

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 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 Veterans' Memorial (318 Wilson St.) at 12:15 p.m. 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, City Manager at eglidden@brewermaine.gov or (207) 989-7500 or sign up on the City of Brewer sponsorship page. We look forward to seeing you there!

2025 Dog Licenses Now Available

All dogs need to be licensed upon reaching the age of 6 months, or after the dog has been with the family for 10 days (if adopted and older than 6 months). As a reminder, dog licenses expire December 31 of each year, but may be licensed as early as October 15. Neutered/spayed dogs are \$6.00 and non-neutered/spayed dogs are \$11.00. You have until January 31 to license your dog before an additional \$25.00 late fee is imposed on February 1.



You may license your dog by visiting the Brewer Tax Office with a current rabies certificate, or online at the the following link: https://apps1.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl. Online licensing is only available between October 15 and January 31.

2025 Snowmobile Registration Stickers Now Available

Winter is around the corner and it's time to start thinking about getting your snowmobiles registered for the 2025 season! 2025 snowmobile stickers are now available at the Brewer Tax Office for \$60. As a reminder, the Brewer Tax Office cannot look snowmobiles up by the residents name. Residents must provide last years registration, sticker number, or the snowmobile's VIN. You may also register your snowmobile online through the [Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife website](#).

Between the Stacks: What is Happening at the Brewer Public Library

Brewer Library's Penobscot Theater Library Day Pass: Two Free Tickets to every showing of A Christmas Carol

The Brewer Public Library is offering patrons an exciting opportunity to enjoy Penobscot Theater's A Christmas Carol for free! Request up to two tickets to any performance of this beloved holiday production. Here's how to join the fun:

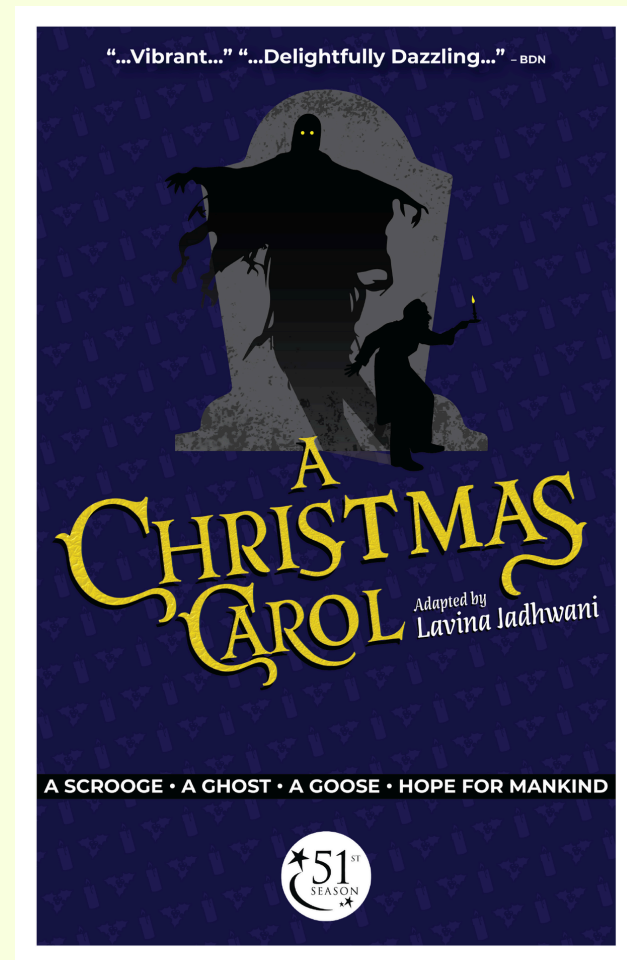
- **How to Request Tickets:**

Starting November 20th, call the library at 989-7943 or visit in person to reserve your tickets. Penobscot Theater will email the tickets directly to you.

Important Ticket Details:

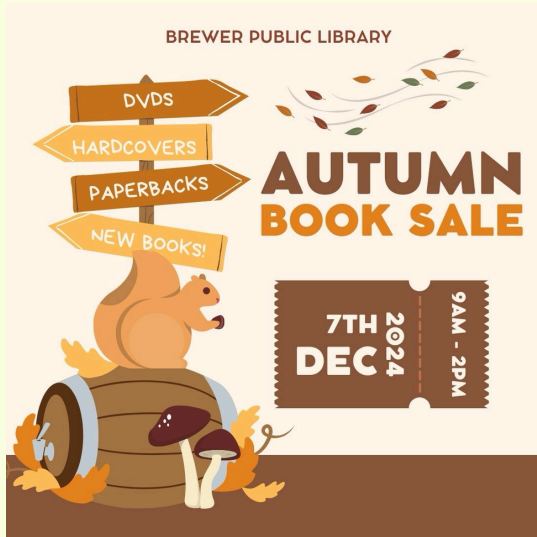
1. Tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis.
2. Requests must be made by noon on the day of the show. Tickets cannot be issued on Sundays or holidays when the library is closed.
3. Only Brewer Public Library patrons in good standing are eligible.
4. Planning to attend with a larger group? You can request the two free tickets and purchase additional tickets by calling the theater at 207-942-3333.

Check availability and secure your tickets by visiting the library or calling 989-7943. Don't miss this chance to experience holiday magic on stage!



Brewer Library Toy Drive Through December 13

Help brighten the holidays for local families in need! The library is hosting a toy drive in partnership with the Salvation Army. Drop off new, unwrapped toys at the library any time between November 12th and December 13th. Donations will be delivered to the Salvation Army on South Park Street in Bangor, where they will be distributed to families in need. Your generosity can make a big difference this holiday season—let's make it a season of giving!



Brewer Library Annual Book Sale: December 7th, 9 AM - 2 PM

Book lovers, mark your calendars! On Saturday, December 7th from 9am - 2pm, the Brewer Public Library will host its annual book sale. A wide selection of books will be available—hardcover, paperback, and brand new fiction—plus DVDs, all offered for a suggested donation. Whether you're shopping for gifts or adding to your own collection, this is a fantastic opportunity to find great reads at unbeatable prices while supporting the library.

Public Meeting for the South Main Street Corridor Study Project

The consultant working on the South Main Street Corridor Study project (Stantec) will present their draft recommendations at a Public Meeting on Wednesday, December 18 at 4pm in the City Council Chambers. This project is led by BACTS (Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System) in partnership with the City of Brewer. The project is looking at the section of South Main Street from Wilson Street to Abbott Street to examine pedestrian safety, access management, and other possible improvements in the corridor. The Consultant plans to present their draft recommendations at 4pm, then directly after will be providing an opportunity for those in attendance to provide 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](#)

Upcoming Important Dates and Reminders

Planning Board Meeting Scheduled for December 2

The Brewer Planning Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, December 2, 2024 at 6pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 80 North Main Street. The agenda for this meeting is [available here](#).

City Council Meeting December 10

Tuesday, December 10 at 4:30pm in the City Council Chambers located at 80 North Main Street. The agenda for this meeting will be [available here](#).

Arts and Culture Meeting Scheduled for December 16

The Brewer Arts and Culture Committee will meet on Monday, December 16 at 6pm in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 80 North Main Street. The agenda will be [posted here](#). The Committee meets on the third Monday of each month.

City Council Workshop December 17

The Brewer City Council will hold a workshop on Tuesday, December 17 at 2pm in the City Council Chambers in the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 80 North Main Street. The agenda will be [posted here](#).

South Main Street Corridor Study Project Public Meeting December 18

Wednesday, December 18 at 4pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 80 North Main Street in Brewer.

City Hall Closed, December 25

Brewer City Hall and all administrative offices will be closed Wednesday, December 25 for Christmas Day.

Brewer City Council

Michele LaBree Daniels, Mayor

Jenn Morin, Deputy Mayor

Soubanh Phanthay, Councilor

Dani O'Halloran, Councilor

Bill Kimball, Councilor