

THE BREWER CHRONICLE

JANUARY 2025
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF BREWER

January Calendar

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Planning Board Meeting,
6pm, City Council Chambers

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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!

Introducing Coffee With the Mayor and City Manager

The City of Brewer is excited to announce a new monthly initiative: "Coffee with the Mayor and City Manager." Join Mayor Michele LaBree Daniels and City Manager Eric Glidden in the City Council Chambers on the second Wednesday of every month at 9am. This event offers residents a unique opportunity to engage directly with Brewer's leadership, share their thoughts on issues that matter most to them, and ask questions in a relaxed and informal setting. The first meeting will be held **Wednesday, February 12 at 9am in the City Council Chambers.**

Whether you have a specific concern, an idea for the community, or simply want to connect, this event is your chance to be heard. We look forward to seeing you there! Coffee will be provided.

Thank you, Brewer, for Supporting Wreaths Across America

The City of Brewer extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in Wreaths Across America on Saturday, December 14. With your help, over 400 wreaths were laid on the graves of veterans in Brewer, honoring their service and sacrifice.

This community effort is a testament to Brewer's enduring respect for those who have served our nation. Thank you for your involvement in this meaningful tradition and for ensuring that we remember, honor, and teach the value of service.

We are proud of our community's dedication and look forward to continuing this important event in the years to come.

Poem Written for Wreaths Across America By Lily Eubanks, Senior at Brewer High School

The City of Brewer would like to express its gratitude to 12th-grade student Lily Eubanks for her moving poem submitted in honor of veterans for Wreaths Across America:

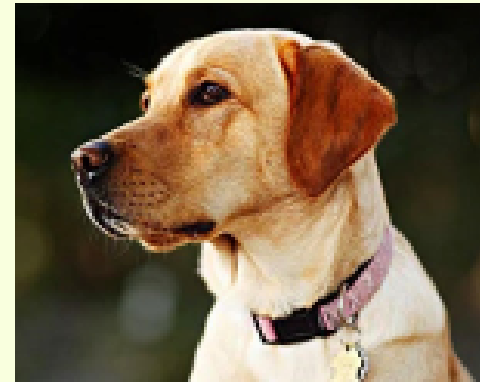
*Heavy is the medal
Pinned upon the breast.
Heavy is the heart
That beats inside a soldier's chest.
Heavy is the gun
Placed in a soldier's hand.
Heavy is the weight
Of freedom they command.
Heavy is the helmet
That rests upon the head.
Heavy is the purpose of a soldier
Whether living or dead.*

Lily's poignant words remind us of the sacrifices our veterans make to protect our freedoms. Her poem beautifully encapsulates the spirit of reflection and gratitude at the heart of this event.

Thank you, Lily, for sharing your talent and honoring our veterans in such a meaningful way.

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.**



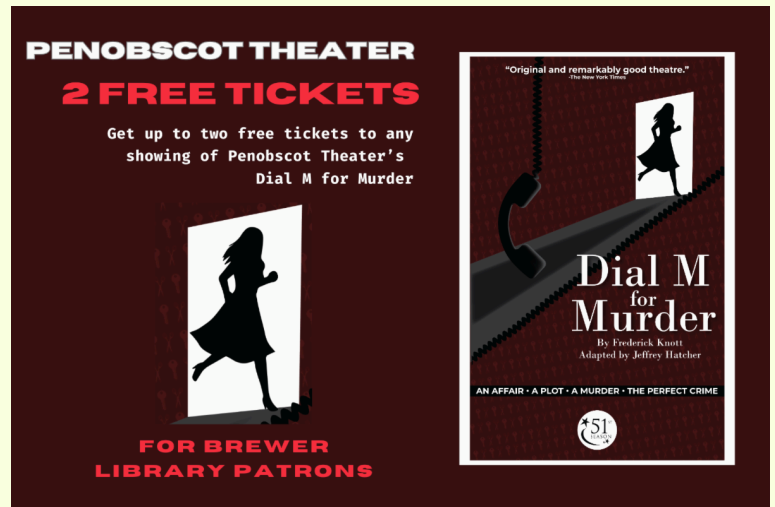
You may license your dog by visiting the Brewer Tax Office with a current rabies certificate, or online at the the following link: https://apps1.web.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/dog_license/index.pl. Online licensing is only available between October 15 and January 31.

2025 Snowmobile Registration Stickers Now Available

Winter is officially here and it's time to register your snowmobiles 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

COMING SOON: Two Free Tickets to Every Showing of Dial M for Murder Starting in mid-January (exact dates to follow), the Brewer Public Library will be offering patrons an exciting opportunity to enjoy free access to Penobscot Theater's Dial M for Murder! Request up to two tickets to any performance of this classic murder mystery. Here's how to join the fun:



How to Request Tickets:

Starting in mid-January, 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, at the latest, 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 this sophisticated thriller!



A Big Holiday Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Food and Toy Drives! We collected more than 150 pounds of food and enough toys to fill two giant cardboard boxes! We donated the food to the Brewer Food Pantry and gifted the toys to the Salvation Army. Happy holidays!

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FY26 Budget Preparations Are Underway

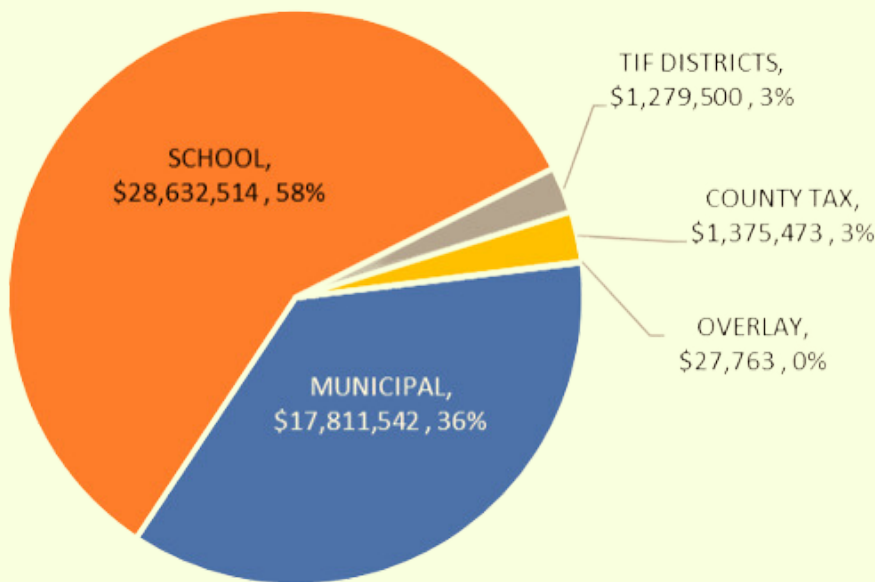
The City of Brewer has begun preparations for the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Budget. As we work to develop a budget that reflects our community's priorities and needs, we want to keep residents informed about the process.

For Brewer Chronicle newsletters between January and June, we will share helpful insights into important aspects of the budget, including how funds are generated and how they are allocated to provide essential services and programs for the residents of Brewer.

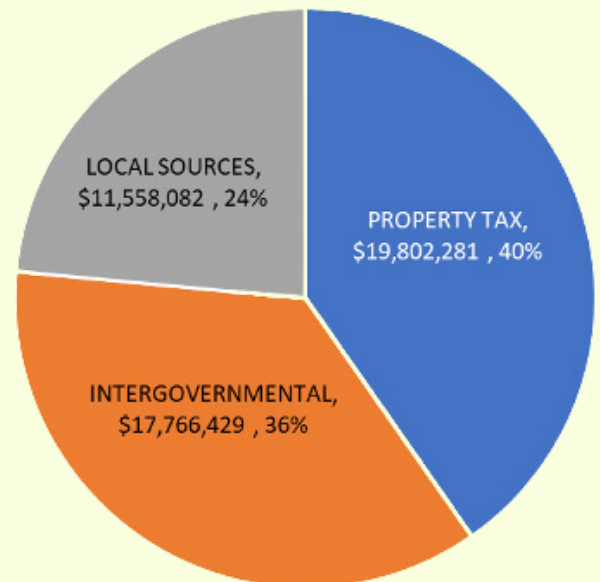
Did you know?

The City of Brewer's taxpayer-funded operating budget is just over \$49 million. This does not include the Water and Sewer Departments, which are funded by almost exclusively by ratepayers.

FY25 City Expense



FY25 City Revenue



- TIF (Tax Increment Financing) districts support the City's economic development efforts by funding State-approved development activities and projects.
- Our county tax payment helps fund Penobscot County's services, which include 911 dispatch and the jail.
- Intergovernmental revenues primarily include education subsidy, municipal revenue sharing, and various reimbursements from the State.
- Local source revenue includes tuition, motor vehicle excise tax, licenses and permits, and other charges for services.

Interested in Volunteering to Serve on a Brewer Board or Committee?

The City of Brewer has several vacancies on various Boards and Committees. If you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer, please review the list of vacancies below and submit a completed [committee application](#) to the City Clerk for City Council consideration.

Current vacancies are as follows:

- Board of Appeals (1 vacancy)
- Board of Assessment Review (1 vacancy)
- Cemetery Board (1 vacancy)
- Library Board of Trustees (1 vacancy)
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (1 vacancy)
- Brewer Housing Authority (1 resident member vacancy)
- Ethics Board (3 vacancies)

If you would like more information about any of these Boards or Committees, please contact City Clerk Vincent Migliore at vmigliore@brewermaine.gov or 207-989-7050. A complete list of Boards and Committees, as well as their members, is [available here](#).

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

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Brewer City Council

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Jenn Morin, Deputy Mayor

Soubanh Phanthay, Councilor

Dani O'Halloran, Councilor

Bill Kimball, Councilor