

THE BREWER CHRONICLE

JUNE 2025

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF BREWER

June Calendar

Tuesday, June 3

Special City Council Meeting.
6pm, City Council Chambers.

Tuesday, June 9

Planning Board Meeting,
6pm, City Council Chambers.

Tuesday, June 10

Regular meeting at 6pm,
Council Chambers.

Wednesday, June 11

Coffee with the City Manager
and Mayor, 6pm, Brewer
Public Library.

Monday, June 16

Arts and Culture Committee,
6pm, Council Chambers

Thursday, June 19

Juneteenth, City Hall and
administrative offices closed

Tuesday, June 24

Special 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!

Fifth Annual Brewer Riverwalk Festival- Saturday June 7th, 2025!

The City of Brewer is proud to announce the Fifth Annual Brewer Riverwalk Festival, a celebration of local music, food and community, taking place on June 7, 2025 along the scenic Brewer Riverwalk. This year's festival is packed with exciting activities for all ages, and highlights include live performances, interactive experiences, local vendors, and more! New this year is the watermelon eating contest, the Improv Comedy act and the demonstrations by RCA Boats and planes.

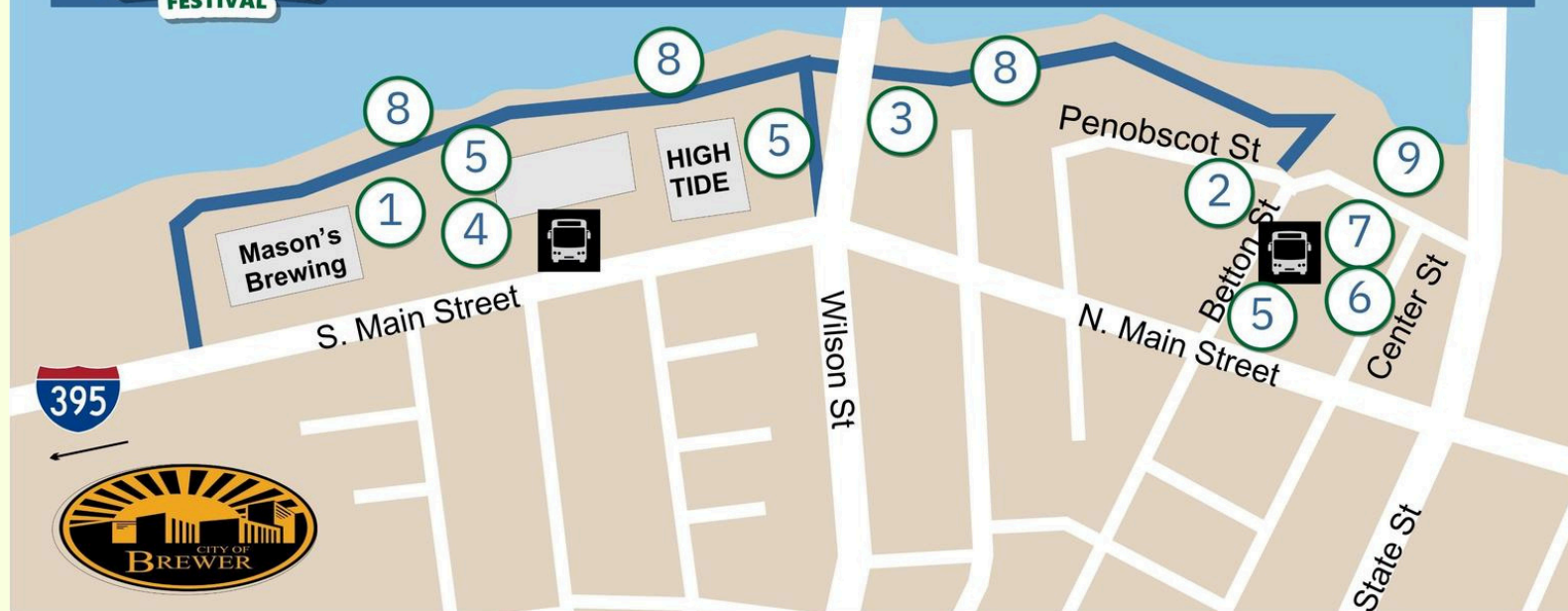
Festivalgoers can enjoy a hassle-free experience this year with convenient free parking available at the Joseph L. Ferris Community Center. To make things even easier, the Bangor Trolley will be running all day, providing complimentary rides directly to Center Street and the Craft Fair. Getting to the heart of the festivities has never been more convenient.





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Sat. June 7, 2025



EVENT ACTIVITIES

1) Children's Garden

11:15 - Welcome Speech - Mayor of Brewer
11:30- 12:00 Magic Show
12:00 - Watermelon Eating Competition
12:15 - 2:00 - DJ Corey
2:00 Penobscot Theatre Company
3:30 - 5:00 - Synergy Twins
7:00 - 9:00 I Want My MTV Retro Band

2) Riverwalk Lot on Penobscot/Betton

11:00 - 4:00 Touch-a-Truck
11:00 - 4:00 Brewer Robotics team

3) Creative Art Center

11:00 - 4:00 Giant Chess Outside
11:00 - 4:00 Free Ceramic Painting

4) South Main St. Parking Lot

11:00 - 4:00 Craft Fair
11:00 - 4:00 Food Court
3:00 - 3:30 Magic Show

5) Portable Restrooms **All Day**

6) Center Street - Food Trucks

11:00 - 4:00 Food and Drinks Available
11:00 - 4:00 Beer Tent (Adult Beverages Available)
11:00 - 4:00 Sidewalk Chalk Drawing
11:00 - 4:00 Business Tables
11:00 - 4:00 TANG Children's Tent
11:00 - 3:00 Cornhole Tournament
12:00 - 12:45 Queen City Improv Comedy
1:30 - 3:30 Scooter and Scoot Jr
1:00 Next Gen Theatre/Dance Performance
1:30 - 3:00 Chris Ross

7) Next Generation

11:00 - 4:00 Welcome Info Desk
11:00 - 4:00 Community Information Table
11:00 - 4:00 Theatre Open for Inside Seating + Drinks
7:30 - 9:30 Alumni Jazz Band \$12 Admission

8) Riverwalk

11:00 - 4:00 Nonprofit Tables
12:30 - 2:30 Strolling Magician
9:00 Fireworks

9) Outside Gym at Center St

Community Center

10:30 - 4:30 Shuttle Stop
8:30 - 1:30 Brewer Farmers Market

RCA Boats and Planes Demo

Demonstration at the Kayak Steps by the River
12:00PM and 3:00PM

Mason's open at 10:30AM - 10:00PM

11:00 - 4:00 Humane Society Booth

High Tide open at 11:00AM - 10:00PM

7PM Live Music

TROLLEY DROP OFF & PICK UP LOCATIONS



South Main Street at the Craft Fair
(near location 4 - Craft Fair on the map)



Betton St
(near location 5 & 2 on the map - Riverwalk Entrance)



Joseph L Ferris Community Center
(Not shown on map - location on Wilson street side)

This event was made possible with assistance from our sponsors

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Tiller & Rye - High Tide - Creative Arts Center - Illuminate Church - City of Bangor Trolley
Torrey's Muffins and Cookies - Paradis Shop 'n Save - Downeast Toyota - Twin City Tire
Between Friends Art Center: Home of Next Generation - Casella - Arts & Culture Committee**



11AM - 4PM



Afternoon Events



Evening Events

Final Sewer Separation Project Underway in Oak Grove With Help From the EPA and State Funding Sources

The Oak Grove Sewer Separation project that started earlier in May is the last large area of work to be done to help separate the sewer system and stormwater system. This project is part of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Master Plan approved by Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and will get the City of Brewer closer to achieving complete separation of both sewer and stormwater systems.

Many residents have seen test pits being dug as work has started. Work will continue as supplies arrive. The City will be replacing or relining thousands of feet of sewer system, and replacing associated catch basins and sewer connections as needed. The overall cost of this project is \$2.085 million dollars, with \$1.103 million coming from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Community Grant Program, and another \$982,000 coming from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). The CWSRF funding consists of a \$602,064 low interest loan and \$379,936 in loan forgiveness. As a result of the EPA grant and the CWSRF loan forgiveness, Brewer sewer ratepayers will need to fund less than 30% of the total cost of this important remediation project.



Brewer City Council Establishes Charter Review Commission

The Brewer City Council has officially established a Charter Review Commission in accordance with 30-A M.R.S. §2103 to conduct a comprehensive review of the City Charter. This initiative aims to ensure that our City Charter reflects the current needs, values, and governance practices of our community.

Commission Structure:

- Nine members will serve on the Charter Review Commission.
- Of the nine members, six members will be elected at-large and without party designation as part of the Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.
- Of the nine members, three must be appointed by the City Council within 30 days after the election.

Nomination Petitions Available:

Nomination petitions for the six Charter Review Commission seats will be available at the City Clerk's Office beginning Tuesday, September 2, 2025. Nomination petitions must be signed by fifty (50) registered City of Brewer voters for candidates to qualify for the ballot. Nomination petitions must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2025.

Timeline:

- The Commission will convene in January 2026.
- Its goal is to complete the Charter review and submit any proposed revisions to voters in advance of the November 2026 election.

Public Engagement:

The City is committed to transparency. The Commission will hold public meetings and hearings in accordance with Maine's Freedom of Access laws and actively seek community input throughout the review process.

For more information or questions regarding the nomination process, please contact the City Clerk's Office by email at city-clerk-office@brewermaine.gov or call 989-7050.

City Council to Hold Public Informational Meeting on Proposed FY26 Budget

A Public Informational Meeting on the the proposed FY26 Consolidated Budget will be held Tuesday, June 3 at 6pm in the Council Chambers located at 80 North Main Street. The proposed FY26 budget is available to view on the [City website](#) and can be viewed at the City Clerk's office or at the Brewer Public Library.

At this meeting, City and School officials will present highlights of the FY26 proposed budget to the City Council. The meeting also serves as an opportunity for the public to learn more about what is included in this year's proposed budget. One week after the informational meeting, the City Council will consider approval of the proposed budget at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 10 at 6pm in the Council Chambers.

Brewer Police and Firefighters Go Head-to-Head to Support Brewer Little League

D-MAX PRESENTS: BADGE VS. BADGE

A fundraising event for Brewer Little League

Sunday, June 22nd

Pregame: 10 Game: 11-1

Brewer Majors Field



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Kathleen Bridges Awarded Verow Scholarship

At the annual Brewer High School scholarship night, Brewer Senior Kathleen Bridges was awarded the \$1,000 Archie Verow Memorial Scholarship by the Brewer Library Association. Kathleen will study accounting in the fall. Congratulations!

In prior years, the scholarship was awarded by the Brewer Historical Society, but after the Society's dissolution last year, the Brewer Library Association took on the honor of distributing the award. The scholarship is named after Arthur C. (Archie) Verow, a former Brewer City Councilor, City Clerk, and Maine State Representative. The Library Association is a 501(C)(3) non-profit that financially supports the Brewer Public Library.

Brewer Library Launches Summer Reading Challenge

The Brewer Public Library is kicking off its annual Summer Reading Challenge this month, inviting readers of all ages to explore new books and earn fun rewards along the way. The program runs from June through late July and features themed events, activity logs, and prize drawings to keep everyone engaged. Whether you're a young reader discovering your first chapter book or a high school student, there's something for everyone. Stop by the library to sign up and start your reading adventure! This program is sponsored by the Brewer Kiwanis Club and the Ralph J. Pollard Lodge. Learn more on the [City of Brewer website](http://www.cityofbrewermaine.gov)!

From the Stacks: Events at the Brewer Public Library

Library Summer Hours

The Brewer Public Library has started its summer hours. This means that the library will be closed on Saturdays from May 31st until September 6th. All other hours will remain the same.

Knitting Social, Fridays, 9am-11am: Whether you're an experienced knitter, just beginning, or would like to begin, join the Brewer Public Library's Knitting Social every Friday at 9am!

Story time, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:30am-11:15am: Newborns to five-year-olds will enjoy stories, a snack, and a craft.

Dog Ears, Wednesdays, 3:30pm-5pm: Does your child love to read, need help with their reading, or simply love dogs? Come to the Brewer Public Library on Wednesdays at 3:30 to read to one of our Tail Waggin' Tutors! Jade and Andie are kind, patient, and great listeners! Please call to reserve a fifteen minute slot. Kids who come for at least 10 visits, get a free book!

Basic Internet Safety : Staying safe online is essential in today's world. Join us at the Brewer Public Library on Monday, June 9th from 10:30 to 11:30 for Basic Internet Safety, which will teach you how to keep your information and your devices safe. Register by contacting Nina of National Digital Equity Center at 207-825-2540 or nina@digitalequitycenter.org. Registration is required.

One-on-One Tech Help: Got tech problems? Don't stress, we've got you covered! Join us at the Brewer Library on the first Thursday of each month for Tech Thursdays. From 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM get one-on-one tech help with Patrick Johnson of Eastern Maine Development Corporation (EMDC)!

Whether you're having issues with software, devices, or anything tech-related, Pat is here to help! Call 989-7943 or drop by the library to register for a FREE 30-minute, one-on-one session to get personalized support and troubleshooting. Registration is required.

Don't let tech troubles slow you down – take advantage of this awesome opportunity! See you there!

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

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City Council Meeting

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Coffee With the City Manager and Mayor

Wednesday, June 11 at 10am in the Council Chambers

Arts and Culture Committee Meeting

Monday, June 16 at 6pm in the City Council Chambers located at 80 North Main Street. The agenda will be [available here](#).

Juneteenth Day: City Hall Closed

City Hall and all administrative offices will be closed Thursday June 19 in observance of Juneteenth Day.

City Council Workshop

Tuesday, June 24 at 2pm in the City Council Chambers located at 80 North Main Street. The agenda will be [posted here](#).

Brewer City Council

Michele LaBree Daniels, Mayor

Jenn Morin, Deputy Mayor

Soubanh Phanthay, Councilor

Dani O'Halloran, Councilor

Bill Kimball, Councilor