

THE BREWER CHRONICLE

JULY 2025

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF BREWER

July Calendar

Friday, July 4

Independence Day
City Hall and Administrative
Offices Closed.

Tuesday, July 8

Regular Council Meeting.
6pm, City Council Chambers.

Monday, July 14

Planning Board Meeting,
6pm, City Council Chambers

Wednesday, July 16

Coffee with the City Manager
and Mayor, 9am, City Council
Chambers

Monday, July 21

Arts and Culture Committee,
6pm, City Council Chambers

Tuesday, July 22

Special City Council Meeting.
2pm, City Council Chambers

Wednesday, July 23

Family Movie Night!
7:45pm, Doyle Field
(318 Wilson Street).

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!

I-395/Route 9 Connector Officially Opens!



On Friday, June 27, state and local officials gathered to celebrate the long-awaited opening of the I-395/Route 9 Connector. The new roadway, which has been under construction since 2022, creates a direct link between Interstate 395 in Brewer and Route 9 in Eddington, enhancing safety and efficiency for commuters and commercial traffic traveling between eastern Maine and the Canadian Maritimes.

The opening ceremony included remarks from Maine Department of Transportation representatives and local leaders, who highlighted the connector's role in reducing heavy truck traffic through Brewer's residential neighborhoods and downtown streets. Officials also noted the project's significance in supporting regional economic development by improving access to markets and streamlining transportation routes for goods and services.

The connector is now open to traffic, marking the completion of a project that has been in planning and development for more than three decades. Residents and businesses throughout Brewer, Eddington, and surrounding communities are expected to benefit from improved travel times and roadway safety.



Celebrate the 4th of July With a Full Day of Festivities!

Start your Independence Day with energy and tradition at the 44th Annual Walter Hunt Road Race, kicking off at 9:45 AM sharp on Acme Road. Cheer on the runners as they set the pace for a day full of excitement.

Immediately following the race, at 10:00 AM, don't miss the annual 4th of July Parade! Floats, marching bands, and patriotic displays will roll out from Acme Road onto Wilson Street, cross the iconic Joshua Chamberlain Bridge, and continue down Main Street in Bangor, wrapping up on Exchange Street. Get your spot early for the best views!

Hungry for more? Head down to the Bangor Waterfront starting at 1:00 PM for an array of food trucks serving up all your favorites. Enjoy delicious treats while taking in the riverside views.

At 6:30 PM, get ready to rock with The Stone Doctors, an electrifying Rolling Stones cover band performing live on the Waterfront stage. Sing along to classic hits and dance into the evening. Then, cap off the celebration in true 4th of July style with a breathtaking fireworks show starting at 9:30 PM. Watch the sky light up over Bangor as we come together to celebrate our nation's freedom.

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors for a day packed with tradition, music, food, and unforgettable memories!

Family Movie Night!

Brewer Parks & Recreation is excited to announce a new initiative: Family Movie Night! Join us at Doyle Field on Wednesday, July 23 at 7:45 PM for a FREE showing of The Wild Robot. Bring your blankets or chairs, relax under the summer sky, and enjoy this fun evening with family and friends. Stay tuned for details about our next movie night coming in August!

Thank you to Downeast Credit Union for their generous sponsorship to make this event happen!

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DREAMWORKS

THE WILD ROBOT



Brewer Parks and Recreation
Family Movie Night
Wednesday, July 23, 2025
7:45pm at Doyle Field
Bring a blanket or chairs for seating!

Brewer has a new contractor for curbside collection!



Beginning Tuesday, July 1, 2025, Gregory's Disposal will be our new curbside collection contractor.

What does this mean for Brewer residents?

There is no change to the current curbside collection rules.

- Max of 5 bags (weighing less than 40 lbs per bags).
- If you have more than 5 bags out curbside, each additional bag will need a tag which can be purchased at the Brewer City Hall, Brewer Public Library or [online by clicking here](#).
- Tags come in a sheet of 5 for \$10.00 (\$2.00 per tag).
- Cardboard does not need to be in a container, as long as it is broken down to '2x2' or smaller and neatly bundled.

There is no change to the scheduled days of collection.

You can view the curbside collection schedule by [clicking here](#)

Residents may see a difference in the time of day of the collection; therefore, the City suggests that all residents follow the curbside collection ordinance and have their rubbish set curbside by 7:00am on the day of their collection.

If you live on a private road in Brewer or have a commercial account with Casella, there will be no change for you and Casella will continue to service your residence for curbside collection.

It is the City's goal to make the transition to a new contractor as seamless as possible, but there will likely be an adjustment period and we appreciate your patience during this time.

Should a resident be missed for collection, have a concern or a concern with the new contractor please contact the Brewer Public Works Department as soon as possible at 207-989-7800 between the hours of 7:00am and 3:30pm, Monday through Friday.

The sooner we are alerted to issues, the quicker we can address them and help ensure a smooth transition.

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.

Hard Copies of the Brewer Chronicle Available in August

A limited number of hard copies of the Brewer Chronicle newsletter will be available starting in August. Residents can pick up a copy at the Brewer Tax Office or at the Brewer Public Library while supplies last. The newsletter features updates on city projects, upcoming events, and important community information. If you know someone who might like to get a hard copy, please help spread the word so everyone can stay informed and connected!

Beat the heat with this super easy recipe for a refreshing treat!



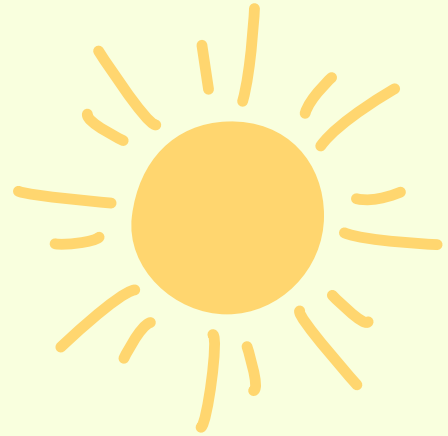
NUTRITION

Serving: 1 Popsicle
(This recipe makes a total of 8 popsicles)

Calories: 143 kcal
Carbohydrates: 15g
Protein: 1g
Fat: 10g
Saturated Fat: 8g
Sodium: 61mg
Fiber: 1g
Sugar: 5g

INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups fresh blueberries or frozen blueberries
- 1 (15-oz) can full-fat coconut milk
- ¼ cup pure maple syrup
- 1/8 tsp sea salt



INSTRUCTIONS

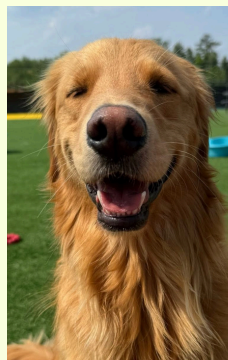
- Place blueberries, coconut milk, pure maple syrup, and salt in a high-speed blender and blend until completely smooth. There may still be little flecks of the outside of the blueberries in the popsicle mixture, but this won't affect the texture.
 - Pour the blueberry mixture into the popsicle mold, filling the holes almost all the way up.
 - Insert a wooden popsicle stick into each of the holes and cover the mold with its cover.
(Sticks are optional depending on size of mold you use)
 - Freeze popsicles for 4 to 8 hours, or until they have completely set up.
 - When you're ready to eat a popsicle, you can run the outside of one (or more) of the molds under warm water for 30 seconds, or until the popsicle melts just enough to loosen up from the mold. You can also thaw the popsicles at room temperature until they release easily from the mold.
- ENJOY!

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup of fresh blueberries
- 1 cup of plain, unsweetened greek yogurt

PET SAFE OPTION!

LOOKING TO COOL YOUR FURRY FRIEND DOWN WITH A YUMMY TREAT?!
EASILY TURN THIS INTO A PET-FRIENDLY RECIPE!



INSTRUCTIONS

- Place blueberries and yogurt into blender.
- Blend until smooth.
- Pour into molds and freeze at least 3 hours.
- ENJOY!

From the Stacks: Events at the Brewer Public Library

Reading "Peeka the Penguin Makes a Mess," with Kaitlyn Fudge (Pre-K - 1st Grade)

Thursday, July 3rd, 10:30am - 11:30am: Kaitlyn Fudge will read her book 'Peeka the Penguin Makes a Mess!' Peeka is the world's smallest penguin who lives on the second shelf of Dr. Boo's freezer, just above the ice cream. Follow Peeka as he goes on an adventure to find the missing piece to Dr. Boo's telescope.

Tech Thursdays

Thursday, July 3rd, 10:00am - 1:00pm: 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, Patrick 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!

Library Summer Hours

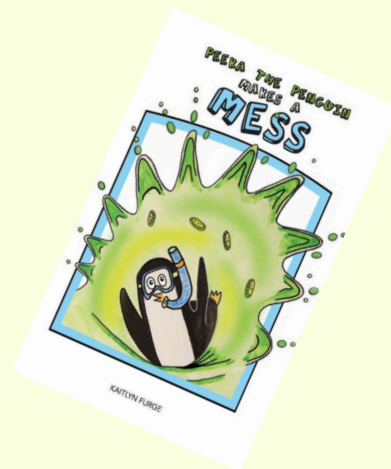
The Brewer Public Library has started its summer hours. This means that the library will be closed on Saturdays from May 31st until September 6th. All other hours will remain the same.

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: Dog Ears continues throughout the summer! 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!

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Upcoming Important Dates and Reminders

Independence Day: City Hall Closed

City Hall and all administrative offices will be closed Friday July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 8th at 6pm in the City Council Chambers located at 80 North Main Street. The agenda will be [posted here](#).

Planning Board Meeting

Monday, July 14th at 6pm in the City Council Chambers located at 80 North Main Street.

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Wednesday, July 16th at 9am in the City Council Chambers located at 80 North Main Street.

Arts and Culture Committee Meeting

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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](#)

Brewer City Council

Michele LaBree Daniels, Mayor

Jenn Morin, Deputy Mayor

Soubanh Phanthay, Councilor

Dani O'Halloran, Councilor

Bill Kimball, Councilor