

THE BREWER CHRONICLE

AUGUST 2025

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE CITY OF BREWER

August Calendar

Monday, August 11

Planning Board Meeting
6pm, City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 12

Regular Council Meeting.
6pm, City Council
Chambers.

Wednesday, August 13

Coffee with the City
Manager and Mayor, 6pm,
Riverwalk Children's
Garden

Monday, August 18

Arts and Culture
Committee, 6pm, City
Council Chambers

Wednesday, August 20

Family Movie Night!
7:00pm, Doyle Field
(318 Wilson Street).

Tuesday, August 26

Special City Council
Meeting. 2pm, 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!

A New Way to Apply for Permits in Brewer-- Coming Soon!

The City of Brewer is excited to announce a major improvement to how building permits are submitted and processed. Over the past several months, the City has been working with CivicPlus, our website development partner, to build and implement a new online permitting platform that will make the process easier, faster, and more convenient for everyone.

Whether you're a homeowner planning a renovation or a developer working on a larger project, this new system will provide a one-stop location where you can:

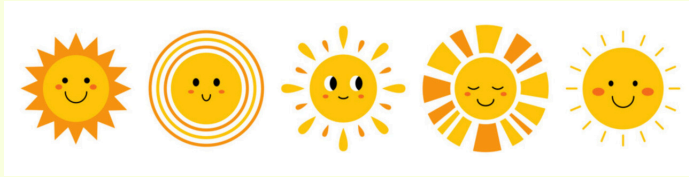
- Submit permit applications online
- Track the status of your application in real time
- Pay fees securely through the online portal
- Schedule inspections- with just a few clicks
- Communicate directly with Code Enforcement staff
- Access permit checklists to make sure your application is complete before you submit it

This platform is being designed with the user in mind, providing an easier way to interact with the City's Code Enforcement Office and manage your permitting needs from start to finish.

We anticipate the online permitting system will go live in late August or early September. Once launched, it will be accessible through the City's website, and we'll be sharing additional information and how-to guides to help residents and contractors get started.

This is another step toward making City services more accessible and responsive for the Brewer community. Stay tuned for more updates as we get closer to launch!

In Need of Some Late-Summer Activities for the Kiddos?!



Looking for screen-free fun that keeps your little ones engaged and learning? The PBS KIDS Activity Book is **FREE** and packed with hands-on games, puzzles, coloring pages, and creative challenges featuring all of your child's favorite PBS KIDS characters!

Ease your kiddo back into learning before they head off to school in a fun way!!

Download here: **Summer of Adventure- PBS Kids Activity Book**

Don't Forget about your four-legged family!!



Summer isn't over yet! There's still plenty of time to keep your fur-family entertained and learning too!

Check out this **30-day calendar** full of fun activities that you can do right at home!!

Family Movie Night!

Join us at Doyle Field on Wednesday, August 20th at 7:00 PM for a FREE showing of Moana 2! Bring your blankets or chairs, relax under the summer sky, and enjoy this fun evening with family and friends. There will be a food truck available to purchase food and drinks as well as free popcorn!!!

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

MOONLIGHT MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

at Doyle Field:

Moana 2

An event for the entire family!

Bring a blanket and sit on the moonlit grass while you
enjoy a movie with family and friends.

The movie starts at 7:00 p.m.

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LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS AVAILABLE
DURING THE MOVIE

Brewer Tax Bills are Getting a Fresh New Look!



The City of Brewer has made a few behind-the-scenes updates to our property tax billing process and we want to keep you in the loop.

Starting this tax year, the City of Brewer has outsourced the printing and mailing of our tax bills to a trusted vendor: Mailings Unlimited. This move allows us to streamline operations, reduce costs, and continue providing timely, accurate billing.

As part of the change, you will now receive only one bill, which will include two convenient payment stubs: one for each installment.

This change will help reduce paper use, cut mailing costs, and support a more efficient operations on our end – all while continuing to provide the information you need, upfront and on time.

What You Need to Know

- The tax bill you received is the **ONLY** bill you will receive for the 2026 tax year.
- It will include both payment remittance stubs – one for each due date.
- **Please keep this bill in a safe place** – you will need it for both September and March payments.

We understand this is a shift from previous years, and we appreciate your help in making this adjustment. As always, if you have any questions, the Brewer Tax Office is just a call or visit away.

Hard Copies of the Brewer Chronicle Available this month!

Do you know someone who would like to read our monthly newsletter but doesn't have the means to do so electronically? A limited number of hard copies of the Brewer Chronicle newsletter will be available starting this month. 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. Please help spread the word so everyone can stay informed and connected!

Reminder: Brewer has a New Contractor for Curbside Collection!



Reminder that Gregory's Disposal is now our 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 general 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.

National Tactical Officers Association Training in Brewer!



What: School and Workplace Violence: Preparation and Response

When: August 18th 8:00am-4:00pm AND August 19th 8:00am-4:00pm

Who: The course will be provided by the National Tactical Officers Association

Where: Jeff's Catering (15 Eventcenter Way, Brewer Maine 04412)

How do I sign up?: The link to learn more and to register for this course can be found [here](#).

Course Goals: Upon completion of this course, attendees will be familiar with:

- Types of individuals or groups who may perpetrate mass violence.
- Potential methods and weapons/tools utilized by those who perpetrate mass violence.
- Limitations of traditional law enforcement responses.
- Emerging trends in terrorism/mass violence.
- Basic concepts of rapid deployment/immediate action.
- Planning and response issues for: Patrol, Tactical, and Off-Duty Personnel.
- The value of integrated pre-planning.
- Methods of identifying safety and response solutions that are best for the local community/facility.
- Integrated response methods and practical application.

This course is a great opportunity for business professionals and school faculty to obtain crucial information on what to do in a mass violence situation.

All participants will begin classroom instruction together; the law enforcement attendees and the school / business attendees will then separate for continued instruction along tracks suited to the roles of each group. All participants will reunite for the practical application to allow for integration of their respective roles during field exercises. Utilizing both lecture and facilitated learning techniques, the following topics will be among those covered: threat analysis, the application of physical security systems and procedures to incidents of mass violence, emergency plan development and assessment, and law enforcement response issues. It is expected that participants are familiar with basic concepts in these areas. Special emphasis will be given to lessons learned from past incidents.

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.

Tech Thursday, August 7th 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!

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!

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!

Brewer's Revolutionary Roots: Cannons, Courage, and the Penobscot Expedition

Think Brewer's Revolutionary War story starts and ends with Colonel John Brewer? Think again. Our town's roots run deeper than just one man—they're steeped in the cannon smoke and daring of the Penobscot Expedition and the quiet bravery of settlers who stayed when others fled.

By the 1770s, what was then known as New Worcester (now Brewer) was home to around 160 settlers. As the Revolution broke out, this tight-knit riverside community suddenly found itself caught between American ideals and British firepower. And while some headed for safer ground, others—like the Brewers and their neighbors—chose to stand firm.

In 1779, the infamous Penobscot Expedition was launched, an American naval effort to oust the British from Castine. It failed spectacularly—one of the worst naval defeats in U.S. history. But local legend tells us that settlers from New Worcester may have played a part in the campaign. There's no official roster, but given the town's strategic location and its residents' ties to American forces, their involvement is more than likely.

Even the landscape tells tales. During construction of the Joshua Chamberlain Bridge, workers unearthed four Revolutionary War-era cannons from the Penobscot River—a silent, sunken reminder of the battle that played out along our very shores. Just offshore from the present-day Hight Tide restaurant, the riverbed still holds wreckage from ships scuttled during the chaos of retreat.

And it's not just ghost ships that remain. At Oak Hill Cemetery, six Revolutionary War veterans rest beneath weathered headstones. These were ordinary men who did extraordinary things—and whose stories are carved into the very history of Brewer.

So, next time you cross the bridge or stroll the waterfront, remember: this town didn't just get its name from a patriot—it was built by them.

Upcoming Important Dates and Reminders

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 12th at 6pm in the City Council Chambers located at 80 North Main Street. The agenda will be [posted here](#).

Planning Board Meeting

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Coffee With the City Manager and Mayor

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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