

# Public Safety

## New Braintree Police Log

During the week of Jan. 13-20, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to nine building/property checks, 11 directed/area patrols, six radar assignments, one traffic control, five emergency 911 calls, one assist other agency, five citizen assists, two motor vehicle accidents, one threat, two safety hazards, two scams and six animal calls in the town of New Braintree.

**Tuesday, Jan. 14**  
9:42 a.m. 911 Suspicious Activity, Barre Cut Off Road, Officer Handled  
4:23 p.m. Safety Hazard, West Brookfield Road, Officer Handled

**Wednesday, Jan. 15**  
7:27 a.m. 911 Animal Call,

Gilbertville Road, Officer Handled  
10:21 a.m. 911 Threat, Moore Road, Officer Handled  
10:51 a.m. Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations, Barre Road, Spoken To  
11:20 a.m. Assist Citizen, Barre Road, Officer Handled

**Thursday, Jan. 16**  
9:05 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Road, Vehicle Towed  
9:55 a.m. Scam, Barre Cut Off Road, Spoken To

**Friday, Jan. 17**  
7:44 a.m. Assist Citizen, Police Department, Officer Handled  
7:58 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Ware Road, Spoken To  
2:40 p.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial

Drive, Officer Handled

**Saturday, Jan. 18**  
12:29 a.m. Welfare Check, Route 32, Citation Issued  
9:19 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled  
9:50 p.m. Safety Hazard, Townwide, Dispatch Handled

**Sunday, Jan. 19**  
9:59 a.m. Assist Citizen, Memorial Drive, Officer Handled  
1:39 p.m. Scam, Memorial Drive, Spoken To

**Monday, Jan. 20**  
5:21 a.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Oakham Road, Vehicle Towed

## Hardwick Police Log

During the week of Jan. 13-20, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 36 building/property checks, 30 directed/area patrols, six radar assignments, five traffic controls, 13 emergency 911 calls, five citizen assists, two assist other agencies, one safety hazard, four motor vehicle accidents, one larceny/theft/shoplifting, one motor vehicle investigation, one fraud, one harassment, two animal calls and three motor vehicle stops in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, Jan. 13**  
9:04 a.m. 911 Disturbance, Lower Road, Transported to Hospital  
12:23 p.m. Assist Citizen, High Street, Spoken To  
10:30 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Mechanic Street, Transported to Hospital

**Tuesday, Jan. 14**  
10:19 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Lower Road, Transported to Hospital  
11:52 a.m. Assist Other Agency, Bridge Street, Officer Handled  
2:21 p.m. 911 Utility Issues, Mill Street, Services Rendered

2:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Barre Road, Citation Issued  
2:43 p.m. Assist Citizen, Petersham Road, Dispatch Handled  
4:29 p.m. Assist Other Agency, Prospect Street, Officer Handled

**Wednesday, Jan. 15**  
10:36 a.m. Assist Citizen, Main Street, Officer Handled  
11:01 a.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Patril Hollow Road, Services Rendered  
2:38 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Main Street, Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, Jan. 16**  
8:25 a.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Road, Report Taken  
11:17 a.m. Larceny/Theft/Shoplifting, Church Lane, Officer Handled  
3:58 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Gaudet Road, Transported to Hospital  
5:36 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Lower Road, Transported to Hospital  
6:28 p.m. Assist Citizen, Unknown Location, Officer Handled

**Friday, Jan. 17**  
11:26 a.m. Assist Citizen, Muddy

Brook Road, Services Rendered  
11:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Investigation, Main Street, Officer Handled

**Saturday, Jan. 18**  
11:41 a.m. Fraud, Main Street, Report Taken  
1:02 p.m. Complaint, Summer Place, Officer Handled

**Sunday, Jan. 19**  
6:18 a.m. Safety Hazard, Townwide, Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
12:01 p.m. 911 Medical Emergency, Collins Road, Transported to Hospital  
2:13 p.m. 911 Disabled Motor Vehicle, Highland Terrace, Spoken To  
6:11 p.m. 911 Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Road, Transported to Hospital  
7:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident, Barre Road, Officer Handled  
8:04 p.m. Medical Emergency, Petersham Road, Transported to Hospital  
9:08 p.m. Harassment, Greenwich Road, Officer Handled

# Public Notices

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER M.G.L.c.183A:6

By virtue of Judgment and Order of the East Brookfield District Court (Docket No. 2469CV000100), in favor of TRUSTEES OF THE COUNTRYSIDE ESTATE S COND OMINIUM TRUST against KATHRYN L. LEMIEUX establishing a lien pursuant to M.G.L.c.183A:6 on the real estate known as UNIT #27-1, 176 MAPLE AVENUE of the COUNTRYSIDE ESTATE S COND OMINIUM TRUST for the purposes of satisfying such lien, the real estate is scheduled for Public Auction at 11:00 O'CLOCK AM ON THE 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D. 2025, AT UNIT 27-1, 176 MAPLE AVENUE, RUTLAND, MASSACHUSETTS. The premises to be sold are more particularly described as follows:

Unit 27-1 (the "Unit") in the condominium known as the Countryside Estates Condominium (the "Condominium"), Rutland, Worcester County, Massachusetts, a Condominium established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A by Master Deed dated November 8, 1985 and recorded on November 13, 1985, with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds (the "Registry"), at Book 9055, Page 1, ("The

Master Deed"). The post office address of the Unit is: 176 Maple Avenue, Unit 27-1, Rutland, MA 01543. Unit 27-1, also referred to as Unit 27 of Building 1 of said Condominium, in said Rutland, is being conveyed together with the 0.60% undivided percent interest appertaining to the said Unit in the Common Areas and Facilities of the said Condominium, and together with the rights and easements appurtenant to the said Unit as set forth in the said Master Deed. Said Unit is also conveyed subject to and with the benefit of: (a) rights, easements, and restrictions referred to in the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A; (b) said Master Deed, the Declaration of Trust of The Countryside Estates Condominium Trust dated November 8, 1985, recorded with said Registry in Book 9055, Page 40, the By-Laws set forth in said Declaration of Trust and any rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and (c) the obligations thereunder to pay the proportionate share attributable to said Unit of the common expenses, all of which the Grantee by acceptance hereof agrees to perform and assume and pay. Said Unit is intended only for residential use and for no other purpose except as may be expressly permitted by the Trustee of the Condominium in accordance with the provisions

of the Master Deed and the Declaration of Trust. For Grantor's title see deed to KATHRYN L. LEMIEUX dated May 25, 2022 and recorded with the Worcester South County Registry of Deeds in Book 67680, Page 265. In the event of a typographical error or omission contained in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said Unit Deed shall control. TERMS OF SALE: 1. A non-refundable deposit payable in cash, certified or bank check in the amount of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars for the unit shall be payable at the Auction. 2. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid within thirty (30) days of the auction. 3. An Auctioneer's Release Deed will be issued to the purchaser, upon payment of the balance of the purchase price, within thirty (30) days of auction. The Deed shall convey the premises subject to, and with the benefit of, all restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens, or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record senior to the lien, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. 4. Additionally, and not by way of limitation, the

sale shall be subject to and with the benefit of any and all tenants, tenancies, and occupants, if any. 5. No representation is or shall be made as to any amount of taxes due and outstanding. 6. The successful bidder shall pay the future condominium common charges commencing with the date of the auction. 7. No representation is or shall be made as to any other mortgages, liens, or encumbrances of record. 8. No representation is or shall be made as to the condition of the Premises or the Condominium. The Premises shall be sold "as is". 9. Other items, if any, shall be announced at the sale. 10. The sale is subject to and in accordance with the Judgment and Order, a copy of which may be obtained from the seller's counsel, Attorney William F. Thompson, Marcus, Errico, Emmer & Brooks, PC, 45 Braintree Hill Office Park, Suite 107, Braintree, MA 02184, (781) 843-5000. THE COUNTRYSIDE ESTATE S COND OMINIUM TRUST, For the Trustees, By its Attorneys, MARCUS, ERRICO, EMMER & BROOKS, PC William F Thompson, Esq. BBO#664790 45 Braintree Hill Office Park, Suite 107 Braintree, MA 02184 (781) 843-5000 01/09, 01/16, 01/23/2025

## FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER

The **Warren Police Department** is accepting applications for the position of full time Police Officer. Applicants are preferred to be academy trained and must be willing to work weekends, nights and holidays.

Responsibilities include responding to emergency and non-emergency calls for Police, Fire and Ambulance services. It is preferred that applicants currently possess valid certification as a Police Officer. Candidates must have strong interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills. Preferences include an associate degree or higher in criminal justice, serve in the US military, or experience as a Police Officer.

The Patrolmen's contract provides an education incentive and a candidate with prior experience may also be considered to start at a higher step rate of pay.

Resumes and cover letters must be returned no later than **Thursday, January 30th, 2025**, to the attention of Lt. Kyle Whitcomb, **WPD PO Box 606, Warren, MA 01083** or **Whitcomb@warren-ma.gov**. *The Town of Warren is an EOE.*

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## NORTH BROOKFIELD, continued from page 1

The board approved Reilly's appointment as library director.

**Override discussion**  
Petraitis said with the start of budget season, there have been a lot of questions about the budget, with many people asking for an override. He said they were originally going to have an open discussion at the school, led by the moderator, to allow residents to share views on the need for an override vote, but they probably won't do that now.

The suggested override amount would be \$2.4 million, spread over three years, to fund the school. The average homeowner would expect to pay an additional \$400 in taxes during those three years.

Petraitis said the average individual income for residents is \$32,378, and the average median household income is \$81,010. The town's unemployment rate is 4.2%, which is higher than the state average.

The town's population over the age of 60 is 30%, he said.

He said the town's revenue is generated through various taxes, such as excise and property, along with money collected through the water and sewer enterprise funds. He said 25% of sewer users can't pay their bills.

"We have, I believe, over 60% of people on fixed incomes in town," Petraitis said.

Petraitis said there are many people that work for the town who are underpaid, including clerks and administrators.

"We are a \$20 million business and those clerks and those admins... are underpaid compared to everybody else," he said.

He said taxes have increased by about \$800 each year, and now residents will be facing an increase in sewer costs due to a mandated upgrade to the wastewater treatment system that the town "really can't afford."

The upgrade will cost about \$23 million to complete.

Petraitis said an override can only be initiated by the Board of Selectmen, and cannot be brought forward by citizen's petition.

"Our people can't afford it," he said. "As the chairman of the board, I won't be entertaining any discussion on an override."

Petraitis said he would recommend to the School Committee that they consider sending grades seven through 12 out of district due to the cost of salaries at the high school. He said there are just under 400 students in grades pre-K-12, and attempts to regionalize with the Quabog Regional School District have ended.

Clerk Vaughn Schlegel said in speaking with residents, most agree that they cannot afford an override due to the already increased taxes.

"I don't know that people can really afford anything more at this point," he said.

Petraitis urged residents to contact their state legislators and the governor and "tell them to fix things."

"The state had billions of dollars in surplus last August," Petraitis said. "They can alleviate a lot of the strain dependent on what they do...with several billion dollars they can help out a lot of towns."

as they currently stand, but due to turnover with Recycling Center monitors, he thinks combining the positions will create a more appealing job for candidates.

"Potentially be a full-time, benefited job...and streamline the operations in the department," he said.

Melad said he has not discussed his proposal with the Financial Committee or the town's financial team yet.

Petraitis said he is not opposed to this change, and based on what Melad said, he could see where it could be warranted. He asked Melad if there is room in the department's budget to fund this change.

Melad said currently, the salaries for the two positions total just under \$40,000 and this change would require an additional \$49,260 in the department's budget. The total annual cost for the combined position would be \$82,150.

Petraitis said he would like an additional two weeks to consider this change, and consult with the financial team.

"We really need to reflect on it a little bit more," he said.

### Financial items

The board approved the Treasurer's request to spend \$1,688 to purchase pre-stamped window envelopes and send payments.

The board also approved the transfer of \$967.25 from the Reserve Fund to reimburse Sheila Buzzell for the cost of postage stamps she purchased on behalf of the town. This transfer was also approved by the Finance Committee.

Petraitis said Buzzell had to purchase the postage stamps after the town's postage machine broke, and the machine's service company sent the wrong ink to use in it.

### Appointment

Highway Department Superintendent Jason Morgan presented employee John Mitchell Sr. to be promoted to the position of foreman by the board. Mitchell was hired full-time to the department at the beginning of this past December.

The board also appointed Pete Orsi as a full-time member of the Fire/Highway Renovation Committee.

Schlegel was appointed to represent the Board of Selectmen on Central Massachusetts EMS Corporation.

### Resignations

The board accepted the resignations of Eric Hevy, chair of the Fire/Highway Renovation Committee; and Paul Benoit, committee member.

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