

Check your mail for Mainely News – with a fresh new look

Check your mailbox on **early July**! The Summer 2026 issue of *Mainely News* is on its way, and the first thing you'll notice is that it looks different. We redesigned the newsletter from the cover in so it matches the Township you already see online — the same colors, the same logo, and the same clean style as our website and social media.

The stories are still ours: programs from MaineStay, updates from the Clerk and Assessor, news from the Highway Department, and what's happening at the food pantry. What changed is the design. Here's a look at the old issue next to the new one.

BEFORE — Spring 2026



AFTER — Summer 2026



Left: Spring 2026. Right: the redesigned Summer 2026 issue arriving July 6.

A cover that finally matches the brand

The front page was word-heavy with outdated color schemes. The new one reads **Mainely News** in our deep Township navy, in clean mixed-case type, with the season and year set right beneath it. The Maine Township seal sits in its proper lockup in the corner — the exact same mark you see on the website and on every social post.

The cover now opens with a single large photo and a bold headline banner laid over it, so the lead story is obvious the moment the newsletter lands on the kitchen counter. Compare that to the old front page, which packed three columns of small text and several stories into the same space.

The big idea: one Maine Township look across everything. Whether you read us in print, on the website, or on Facebook, it should feel like the same place. Now it does.

What's actually different in the design

- **New color palette.** We built the issue around the navy-and-teal palette from our website and digital channels. Section headers, banners, and accents all pull from the same set of colors.
- **More room to breathe.** The dense, newspaper-style three-column grid is gone. The redesign uses a cleaner two-column layout with real white space, so pages feel calmer and are easier to read.
- **Color-coded sections.** Recurring features — Clerk's Corner, Assessor's News, the Highway Department Update, Trustee's Corner — now sit under consistent colored header bars with a small icon, so you can find what you're looking for at a glance.
- **Bigger, cleaner photos.** Photography is larger, with softly rounded corners, and our staff appear in tidy circular portraits next to their columns instead of small boxed cutouts.
- **Modern type and pull quotes.** A single modern typeface sets a clear hierarchy from headline to body, and key lines are lifted into oversized teal pull quotes — the same styling we use online.



The new cover: a single hero photo, a bold headline banner, and the masthead in Township navy.



The food pantry currently operates out of a small space in the Town Hall basement.

New food pantry location will help meet increased demand

At the Annual Town Meeting, an overwhelming majority of residents in attendance voted in favor of the Township purchasing a new location for the food pantry. The Township can now enter into an agreement to purchase property at 9850 Milwaukee Ave in Glenview for the purposes of moving the food pantry.

In an average month, the pantry can collect upwards of 40,000 pounds of food and other donations.

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“The Food Pantry has grown in leaps and bounds throughout the last five years thanks to the dedicated work of staff, volunteers and the public,” said Supervisor Jones. “The pantry has simply outgrown its current location in the Town Hall basement, and now requires a building that can sustain the many donations and space needed to serve the community.”



Catching up with Kim

Supervisor Kimberly Jones

I'd like to thank all of the residents who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the Annual Town Meeting and vote to approve the new food pantry location. This will truly make a huge difference in the lives of so many.

I'd especially like to thank our Pantry Director Michael Pitzafarro for his incredible work. He motivates a small but relentless staff and inspires hundreds of volunteers. This expansion would not be possible without him.

Inside the new issue: a roomier two-column layout, a teal pull quote, and a clean staff column.

Why we did it

Residents reach us in a lot of ways now — the printed newsletter, the website, email, and social media. When each one looked a little different, the Township felt scattered. Aligning *Mainly News* with our digital design makes the whole operation easier to recognize and easier to trust, and it makes every future issue faster to produce because we're working from one consistent design system.

Watch for the redesigned *Mainly News* in your mailbox starting **early July**. Take a look, and let us know what you think — your feedback helps shape the issues to come.

— *Maine Township*