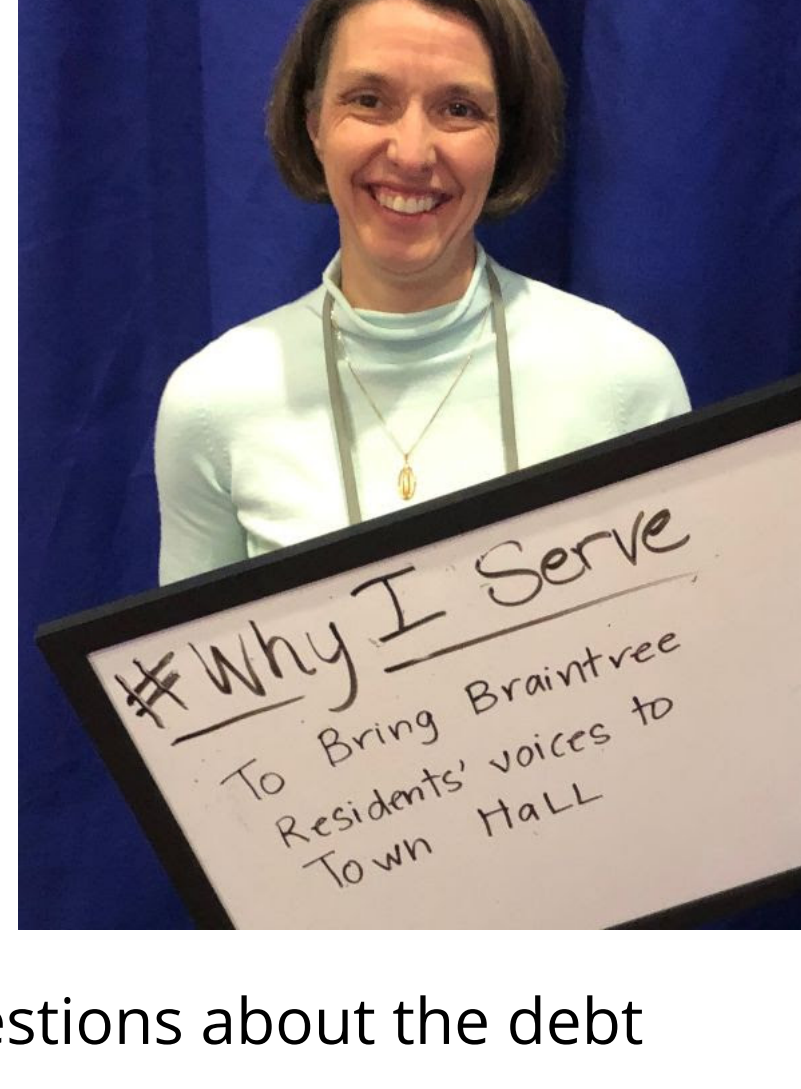




Hello friends!

One of my priorities is to promote **clear communication coming from Town Hall**, and I have been working hard to keep you informed. In addition to this monthly newsletter, you can [watch my mini-videos](#) posted the day after Town Council meeting so you can hear the highlights. If you want a more in-depth understanding of the Council happenings, you can [read my full Council notes](#), and I hope I will see you at the first **District 5 Community Meeting I will be hosting on March 12th** so you can get your questions about the debt exclusion answered (details are below).



I hope to see you soon, and please be in touch!

*Meredith*

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## Working for Braintree and District 5

My first full month in office has been a very busy one! Here's some of what I've been up to:

I am honored to have been **appointed**:

- By Town Council President Hume [Chairwoman of the Ways & Means Committee](#), the Council committee that has oversight of the Town's budget
- By Mayor Kokoros as the Town Council rep on the [Braintree Community Partnership on Substance Use Prevention](#)



As the Chairwoman of Ways & Means and as a Council Member, after research, listening and deliberation **I voted to**:

- **Appropriate Community Preservation Act funds** for the [historic restoration of All Souls Church](#)
- Move the Mayor's request for a **debt exclusion to a town-wide vote on March 28**
- Appoint two **new members** to the Town's Cultural Council, a new associate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and a new associate member to the Planning Board

You can read more about my and the Council's work on the debt exclusion in the [Patriot Ledger](#) and the [Milford Daily News](#). You can also review all of my votes in my [Town Council notes](#).

It was my privilege to attend:

- **Martin Luther King Jr. Citizen of the Year Ceremony** on January 16. Congratulations to Ann Toland and Pat Conrad, co-directors of the Marge Crispin Center.
- The **Massachusetts Municipal Association's Annual conference**, where I participated in workshops on Municipal Finance, and Fostering Connections between the Community and Town Hall, among others.



And, after working with the DPW department last year, **new one-way signs are up on Hall Ave!**

## Citizen Spotlight: Kelcy Ou



The people of Braintree make our community special. Every month, I'll introduce you to someone from town who I've been fortunate to get to know. This month, I'm excited to introduce you to Kelcy Ou. Kelcy has been involved in Braintree, not only as a parent and a resident, but also by introducing Chinese culture to our community and introducing American culture to the Chinese community.

### 1. Where is your favorite place in town?

The South Shore Plaza is my favorite place, especially in winter time. It has everything that I need to purchase and the kids can hang out at the food courts or Dave & Busters.

### 2. What do you love about Braintree?

I love the location. It is close to the city and close to the highway. It is a very convenient town to travel south or north.

### 3. What is one idea you have to make Braintree even better?

It will be great if Braintree has a central Recreation Center for the youth and families. This center can provide indoor activities such swimming, basketball, movies, educational workshops etc. Families can also receive all updated information about our town and community.

**Do you know someone who helps make Braintree awesome? [Send me a note](#) about them, and maybe they'll be featured in a future newsletter!**

# Upcoming Events

**Do you want more information about the Debt Exclusion?** Learn more at these events:

- Tuesday, February 11th, 7:00 p.m. -- Morrison PTO Meeting
- Thursday, February 13th, 6:30 p.m. -- Hollis Pre-PTO Meeting
- Thursday, February 13th, 7:30 p.m. -- South PTO Meeting
- Thursday, March 12th, 7:00 p.m. – District 5 Community Meeting being held at Grove Manor, 160 Grove Street, in the Evergreen Room. Children welcome. If you cannot attend, this meeting will be live-streamed on Facebook.

### Braintree Town Council Meeting

February 25th, 7:30 p.m.  
Town Hall

### Braintree Community Partnership on Substance Abuse

February 26th, 6:30 to 8 p.m.  
Upstairs at Town Hall

*Do you have an event or meeting you think I should attend? Please [contact me](#) and let me know!*

## Office Hours

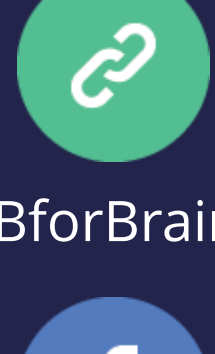
What do you love about Braintree? What changes would you like to see in town? How can I help? I want to hear from you! No appointment needed, just come on by with your questions and ideas.

**Meredith's Office Hours:**  
Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m.  
Dunkin', 1172 Washington St.

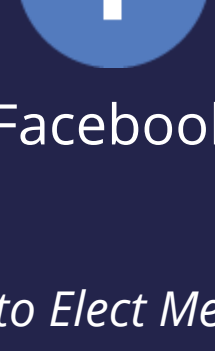
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