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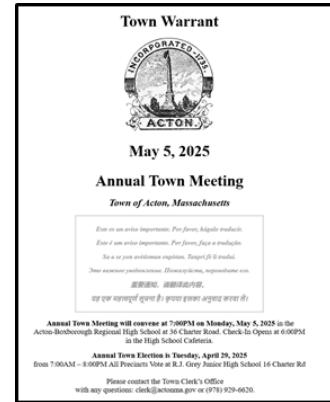
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TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Annual Town Meeting - May 5th

We are in the final phases of getting ready for the Annual Town Meeting on May 5th! There are 41 articles and the warrant will be published online and mailed out on April 15th. The meeting will be held over two nights and articles will include borrowing requests for a new DPW facility and other capital projects, along with budgets, zoning changes, citizen petitions, and a proposed gas leaf blower bylaw. Updated information and the final warrant will be posted at www.actonma.gov/townmeeting



TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE

978.929.6600

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday-Thursday: 8AM-5PM

Friday: 8AM-2:30PM

Closed Patriot's Day, Mon, April 21, 2025

TOWN HALL & HUMAN SERVICES HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday: 8AM-5PM

Tuesday: 8AM-7:30PM

Wednesday: 8AM-5PM

Thursday: 8AM-5PM

Friday: 8AM-12PM

Saturday-Sunday: Closed

Closed Patriot's Day, Mon, April 21, 2025

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY and WEST ACTON CITIZENS LIBRARY

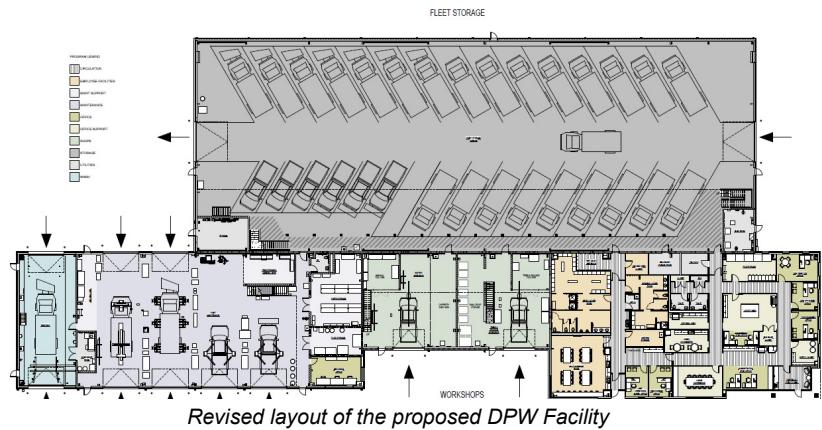
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MUNICIPAL MONTHLY - APRIL 2025



Update on 17 Woodbury Lane Renovations

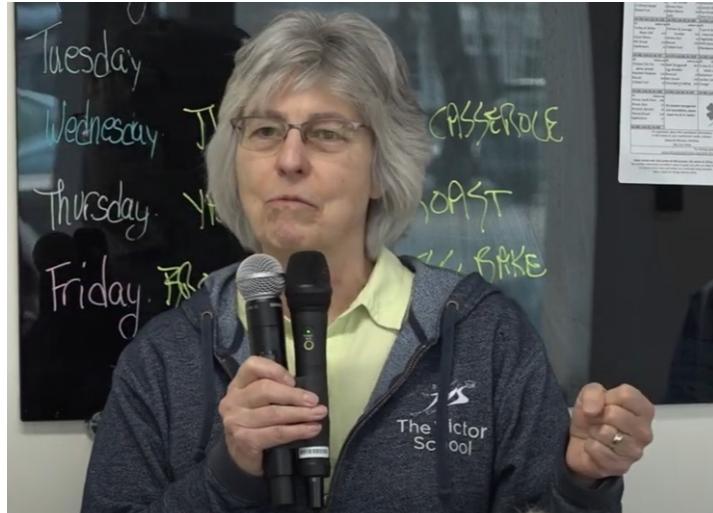
If you have visited the Town Hall/Library campus lately, you may have noticed the large building renovation project currently underway at 17 Woodbury. Recently, the contractor for the project, Classic Construction, completed selective demolition of the remaining addition from the 1970's. Additional work has included pouring of foundations for a building addition that will support a kitchenette and bathrooms, and foundation walls for a new covered patio. The photo below shows the current condition and framing work that will help stabilize this building as part of the renovation process. As we continue through construction, please visit www.ActonMA.gov for more information and updates.



View of 17 Woodbury Building Renovations Progress

Java With John

On March 21st I was pleased to have Town Moderator Jo-ann Berry join me at the Senior Center. Jo-Ann discussed the importance of Town Meeting and provided information on what to expect when attending Town Meeting sessions. I gave a preview of what will be on the Town Meeting Warrant and answered attendees questions on upcoming articles. To learn more, please watch the March 21st edition found at www.ActonTV.org



Town Moderator Jo-ann Barry discusses Town Meeting at the March 21st Java with John event.

Thank you for your continued support of the Municipal Monthly. As we continue moving closer to Annual Town Meeting, I invite you to visit www.ActonMA.gov for important information on warrant articles and Town Meeting sessions.

Please reach out to me at Manager@ActonMA.gov with any questions or suggestions you have.

Sincerely,

John S. Mangiaratti, Town Manager

**KARL VOELKER*****Director of Innovation and Technology***

Karl brings over a decade of hands-on experience leading technical teams, most recently overseeing Engineering, Operations, and IT at WBUR in Boston. He's passionate about using technology to make things work better—whether that means improving systems, streamlining processes, or tackling big, complex projects. Karl has deep experience managing critical infrastructure where 24/7 uptime is a must.

He lives in Saugus, MA with his wife and their dog, Lucy. Outside of work, Karl enjoys spending time with family and friends, working in the yard, and taking on projects around the house.

ACTON250

ACTON 250 Revolution

**Remembrance of April 19th 1775:
A Celebration of the Acton Minute Men**

Wednesday April 16, 2025 • 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Discovery Museum • 177 Main St, Acton, MA

Join the Acton 250 Committee for this 21+ after-hours event celebrating the Acton Minutemen!

We will be featuring the Acton 250 Isaac Davis Brown Ale from Dirigible Brewing, food and more!

FREE ADMISSION!

For more information, scan the QR code or visit ActonMA.gov/250

DISCOVERY MUSEUM
science. nature. play.

DIRIGIBLE BREWING CO.

Middlesex Savings Bank

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 - ACTON MINUTEMEN ACTIVITIES - DAVIS MARCH

- **Minutemen March to Concord:** Please join the Acton Minutemen from 6:30-10:30 AM. Parking is at the ABRHS, featuring the Isaac Davis Monument. Please note the the March to North Bridge (note: that all reenactments were canceled at the North Bridge).
- **Rededications of the CPA funded work** on the Isaac Davis Plow exhibit in Town Hall and Isaac Davis Monument in Acton Center at approximately 7 AM.
- **Minutemen Appreciation**
- **Robbins Ride:** Leaves at 5 PM from the soccer fields at the bottom of Concord Road.
- The Acton Minutemen will be in Lexington, Concord and Arlington on the weekend. For further details see: actonminutemen.org/calendar/
- Bus transportation

Visit: www.actonma.gov/250 for more information, updates, registration information, and upcoming events.

PARTY + RECYCLE LIKE A PRO!



REUSE

cloth napkins, reusable dishes, and utensils



RECYCLE/REDEEM

glass and plastic bottles and cans
(clear plastic cups can be recycled)



COMPOST

leftovers, paper napkins, and paper plates



TRASH

plastic utensils and colored plastic cups

Learn more at recyclesmartma.org.



ACTON EARTH WEEK 2024

April 21 – April 27

Celebrate Earth Week in Acton! Stay tuned for more information on Acton Clean Up Week, Arbor Day, Earth Day Storytime, Clean Energy Home Tours, and more!



ACTON CLEAN ENERGY HOME OF THE MONTH

APRIL FOCUS: HOME SOLAR

SAT., APRIL 26, 2025

11:00am and 1:00pm Tours



Info & registration at EnergizeActon.org. Address sent upon registration.

POLYSTYRENE (STYROFOAM) COLLECTION

Polystyrene (Styrofoam) recycling is back at Acton DPW located at 14 Forest Road, Acton (no access permitted through the Transfer Station). Bring your clean polystyrene. We cannot accept any polystyrene food containers. Please note you must have a Transfer Station sticker to participate. Visit actonma.gov/transfer for more info!

Upcoming Dates:

Sat, April 19 from 10 AM -1 PM

Sat, May 17 from 10 AM -1 PM

Sat, June 14 from 10 AM - 1 PM



April 2025 Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies

YOU'RE INVITED!

So that we may plan for an estimated attendance, please let us know you 'll be coming. It is not required to RSVP to attend. Light refreshments will be at each ceremony.

Monday, April 7

- 10 AM: Acton Cycles Bike & Ski Shop (340 Great Road)
- 11 AM: As You Like It Hair Salon (452 Great Rd.)
- 12 PM: Luna Mexican Cuisine (20 Nagog Pk.)

Friday, April 18

- 11 AM: The Shop (562 Mass Ave.)



The Town of Acton Economic Development Office and the Economic Development Committee hosted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Silver Girl restaurant located at 251 Arlington Street in W. Acton on Friday, March 7. Doors are open! Please stop by and say hello and enjoy a delicious meal in a fun atmosphere!

Photos below were taken at the Silver Girl Ribbon Cutting.



- Are you a new business in Acton?
- Are you an Acton business celebrating a milestone anniversary?
- Do you have big news you would like to share?
- Are you listed in the Acton Business Directory? If you want to be added have your info updated just email us your information.

The Town of Acton Economic Development Office is thrilled to invite all Acton businesses to engage with us and share their thoughts, ideas, and needs. Your input is invaluable in helping us shape the future economic environment of our town.

We are excited to collaborate with you to find innovative solutions and opportunities for growth and success. Our goal is to create a thriving business community where all enterprises can flourish and contribute to the overall prosperity of Acton.

By reaching out to us, you have the chance to make a real impact on shaping the economic landscape of our town. So please, don't hesitate - we can't wait to hear from you! Let's work together towards a brighter future for Acton businesses.

Please stop by the Acton Town Hall, 472 Main Street, and meet the new Economic Development Director, Patricia Costa de Sa. She starts on April 7th.

Phone: (978) 929-6611
Email: economicdevelopment@actonma.gov

[Stay in the Business know...Please click here to be added to the Business Boost E-Newsletter.](#)

SPRING PAVING

The following roads are scheduled to be paved this spring:

- Sudbury Road
- Westside Drive
- Washington Drive (Coolidge Dr. to End)
- Washington Drive (Jackson Dr. to Wilson Ln.)
- Madison Lane
- Wilson Lane

Residents will be notified via message boards and a posting on the Town of Acton website when a start date has been determined. Please note, the duration and schedule can change depending on weather or other conditions that may arise. We appreciate your cooperation and patience during this time.



SPRING REPAIRS

Sometimes the grass strips and curbs along the roads are damaged while plowing. The Highway Division works to repair these areas as soon as possible after the snow has melted and the ground has thawed; however other work that involves the safety of the public takes priority. It may take until mid-summer to repair these areas. The repair of grass surfaces generally consists of raking out the ruts and seeding with a standard highway grass seed. If your landscaping needs are such that this is unacceptable, you may choose to repair these areas on your own earlier in the spring.

STREET SWEEPING

Part of the Highway Division's maintenance program involves cleaning the road surfaces and drains. The road surfaces and sidewalks are cleaned with mechanical sweepers during the spring months. The highly visible areas are cleaned first, such as the town centers and the Isaac Davis Trail. Most roads are swept once during this period.

Residents are reminded to NOT put lawn waste, trash, tree limbs, etc. in the roadway during the sweeping process as it may damage the machinery. The operator will not remove such material, leaving an unsightly mess for you and your neighbors

The Department of Public Works would like to thank the residents for their continued cooperation during the winter months. It can be a challenging time for all.

SWAP SHOP

Volunteers are needed at the Swap Shop! The Swap Shop is located at the Transfer Station & Recycling Facility and is generally open May – October. The Swap Shop allows users at the facility to give away or adopt gently used items. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Debby Andell at debbyandell@gmail.com.



ACTON LIBRARIES

Click [here](#) to view the full list of calendar events including recurring monthly events, please visit our program calendar: [Acton Memorial Library Calendar](#).

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Closed April 20, April 21

WEST ACTON CITIZENS' LIBRARY HOURS

Tuesday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Monday, Friday, Sunday: CLOSED
Closed April 20, April 21



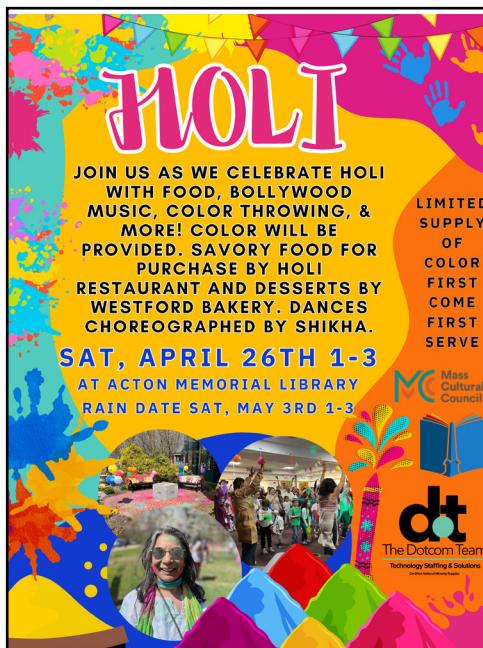
TEEN INVASIVE PLANT BRIGADE

Tues., April 22, 2:00-4:00 PM. Limited space, sign up on our website: <https://tinyurl.com/225rjcan>



FLOWER ARRANGING @ WEST ACTON CITIZENS CITIZENS LIBRARY

Sat., April 12, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM, West Acton Citizens Library. Limited space, sign up on our website: <https://tinyurl.com/3uuzrwa7>



TEEN BIRDHOUSE BUILDING

Thurs., April 24, 2:00-5:00 PM.
Limited space, sign up on our website: <https://tinyurl.com/>

COMMUNITY SERVICES - TRANSPORTATION



Nagog Woods (postal kiosk)



Town Hall/Library



Avalon Drive (sales office)



Gould's Plaza (Donelan's entrance)



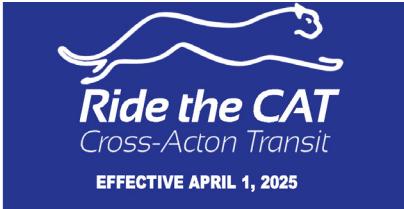
South Acton MBTA Station



Town of Acton
ActonMa.gov



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EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2025



WITH SERVICE TO

Sachem Way	Trader Joe's
Nagog Woods	Acton Plaza 1 & 2 (Roche Bros)
Avalon Drive	S. Acton MBTA
Great Road Condominiums	446 Massachusetts Ave
Gould's Plaza	Town Hall/Library

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CrossTown Connect Dispatch
(978) 844-6809

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Effective April 1, 2025

Sachem Way	Nagog Woods (postal kiosk)	Avalon Drive (sales office)	Great Road Condos (front entrance mailboxes)	Gould's Plaza (Donelan's entrance)	Trader Joe's (Entrance)	Town Hall/Library	Action Plaza 1 & 2 (Roche Brothers)	Stop & Shop	S. Acton MBTA Station	446 Massachusetts Ave (across from Charter Rd. & school)	Town Hall/Library
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PLEASE NOTE All times are approximate due to traffic and weather conditions in the area.



Your Community. Your Transportation. Your Way.

CrossTown Connect Dispatch

(978) 844-6809

Monday thru Friday
8:30am—4:00pm

Don't see your stop?

- Call Dispatch 24-hours in advance to see if we can accommodate your request

No shuttle services on weekends and the following Holidays:

New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Patriots Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving (and the day after), and Christmas Day.

This shuttle is operated by
tshuttles.com | 781.895.1100



COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging at the Senior Center offers services, meals and activities for residents age 60 and up. Most activities are free of charge with a nominal charge for meals.

Location: We are located in the Human Services building at 30 Sudbury Road Rear; contact us at seniorcenter@actonma.gov or 978-929-6652.

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Senior Services Coordinator provides older adults and their families with information on area social services including home care agencies, elder day programs, housing options, food and fuel assistance.

Each month there are multiple meal opportunities: special lunches, an evening dinner, daily lunch provided by Minuteman Senior Services, monthly breakfast, the Wednesday lunch Bistro open to all ages, frozen grab & go lunches provided by Open Table, and Meals on Wheels delivery.

Visit our website www.actoncoa.com to view our newsletter for details on services, meals and activities. Follow us on Facebook @actoncoa. To sign up for newsletter or news flash notifications from the COA visit: www.actoncoa.com/list.aspx

April is National Stress Awareness Month
Many Acton Senior Center Activities Can Help Manage Stress!

01. **Participate in Fitness Classes**
The Senior Center offers 11 fitness classes a week including Wellness Yoga, Tai Chi and Chair Flow Yoga, as well as line dancing.

02. **Opportunities for Self-Care**
Participate in weekly Laugh for Your Health meetings or the spring session of Zoom-based Mindfulness Meditation.

03. **Join the Acton Songsters!**
Singing releases endorphins, natural painkillers that may reduce stress and anxiety. Group meets twice a month and regularly performs at the Senior Center.

04. **Therapy Dog Visits**
Bodacious visits the Senior Center every Wednesday. Interacting with a therapy dog is known to lower stress hormones (cortisol) and increase mood-boosting hormones (oxytocin).

www.actoncoa.com **978-929-6652** seniorcenter@actonma.gov

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Acton Council on Aging/Senior Center April 2025

Farm Girl on Front Lines: Tues., April 15, 1:00 pm
Live performance by Janet Parnes about the Revolutionary War service of Deborah Sampson who disguised herself as a man.

After the Battle of Lexington & Concord: Thurs., May 1, 1:00 pm
Acton's Larry Kerpelman will discuss the battle to win hearts and minds that occurred after the fighting at Lexington and Concord in 1775.

The Roots of American Popular Music: Tuesday, April 22, 1:00 pm
Jon and Li Waisman blend performance and storytelling in this program funded by the Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council.

Liz Walker Author Talk: Tuesday, May 6, 1:00 pm
Pastor and Former WBZ-TV Anchor Liz Walker will discuss her book *No One Left Alone*. Funded by the Friends of the Acton COA Honoring Excellence Program.

Exploring Improvisation Workshop begins Monday, April 28, 10:00 am
Actor and teacher Poornima Kirby will lead this fun, creative, educational workshop. Unlock your sense of humor, play and discovery!

Benefits of Irrevocable and Revocable Trusts: Thurs., April 10, 1:00 pm
Attorney Dale Tamburro will explain the different types of trusts and how to determine which is the best for you.

Some programs require registration; see our newsletter available online or call the COA for more information

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The new chair flow yoga class at the Senior Center is receiving rave reviews.

CARFit
Helping Mature Drivers Find Their Safest Fit
ADA American Association for Aging and Disability
AARP

CarFit Event
Acton Human Services/
Senior Center
Monday, April 28, 2025
9:30-11:45 am

Trained CarFit technicians will conduct a check-up to see how well an older driver and their car fit together

Offered by the Acton Council on Aging, Acton Nursing Service, and Acton Police Department

Appointment Required: 978-929-6652



Program News:

It's not too late to register for the next Hill Top School Vacation Days program. Upcoming dates available are: Tuesday through Friday, April 22-25. You can register for one day or multiple days. Visit actonrec.com for more information and/or to register. Current programs include Super Soccer Stars starts April 13 (NARA Upper Fields); Men's Pickup Soccer starts May 7 (Concord Rd. field); Women's Pickup Basketball starts June 24 (Elm Street Courts); Women's Pickup Soccer starts May 5 (Concord Rd. field); Men's Pickup Basketball starts June 24 (Elm Street Courts)

Summer Camp: Registration is now open for NARA Summer Camp and Camp Hill Top. Secure your spot for an unforgettable summer camp experience by registering early. To learn more and secure your spot, please visit actonrec.com. Hurry, spots are filling up quickly and we wouldn't want you to miss out on this opportunity!

Seasonal Summer Job Applications: We are currently seeking Camp Counselors, Lifeguards and a Waterfront Director for our upcoming summer camp programs and the NARA waterfront. Interested individuals are encouraged to submit their applications promptly. Thank you for your interest in joining our team! [Click here to obtain application.](#)

Photos Below: Indoor Hockey Program at the Rec Center!

**WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE****SUSTAINABLE STORMWATER FUNDING OPTIONS
IN-PERSON DISCUSSION**

MAY 29, 2025 AT 7:00PM - TOWN HALL, ROOM 204

<https://acton-ma.gov/339/Stormwater>



The Water Resources Advisory Committee is requesting the public's input on sustainable options for funding storm water management. Please join the in-person discussion May 29th at 7PM in Room 204 at Town Hall. For more information, please scan the QR code to the left.

DIRECTORY OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS

TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE - (978) 929-6600 | VISIT US ON-LINE AT ACTONMA.GOV

Department	Phone Number	E-Mail
Acton Nursing Services	978-929-6650	nursing@actonma.gov
Assessor's Office	978-929-6621	assessor@actonma.gov
Building Division	978-929-6633	building@actonma.gov
Cemetery Division	978-929-6642	cemetery@actonma.gov
West Acton Citizens' Library	978-929-6654	wacl@actonma.gov
Collector/Treasurer Office	978-929-6622	collector@actonma.gov
Community Resources Office	978-929-6651	lducharme@actonma.gov
Conservation Office	978-929-6634	conservation@actonma.gov
Council on Aging	978-929-6652	seniorcenter@actonma.gov
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Engineering Division	978-929-6630	engineering@actonma.gov
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Health Division	978-929-6632	health@actonma.gov
Highway Division & Transfer Station	978-929-7740 978-929-7742	highway@actonma.gov
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Information Technology Department	978-929-6612	it@actonma.gov
Acton Memorial Library	978-929-6655	Library@acton-ma.gov
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Public Works Department	978-929-7740	highway@actonma.gov
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Town Manager's Office	978-929-6611	manager@actonma.gov
Veterans' Services	978-929-6614	vso@actonma.gov
Acton Water District	978-263-9107	www.actonwater.com