

TOWN OF ACTON

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QUARTERLY

JANUARY 1, 2019

ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

Congratulations to resident Kristen McCaffrey (pictured below) who was recognized in a well-attended ceremony at the Public Safety Center on December 17th for her bravery in helping her brother escape a house fire at their family home on October 8, 2018. Kristen received a Young Heroes Award from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services. She also received a certificate of recognition from the Acton Board of Selectmen and a Citation from the Massachusetts Senate.



The Town Manager's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2020 was presented to the Board of Selectmen on December 17th. The recommended budget increases the senior worker tax relief program, invests in sidewalks and traffic calming measures, provides enhanced safety equipment for our first responders, funds design and related costs for the Kelley's Corner Infrastructure project, provides funding towards our Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability, and sustains our excellent service levels. This budget will be reviewed and considered by the Selectmen and Finance Committee this winter and a final operating budget will be voted by the Board of Selectmen on January 28, 2019.

Town of Acton

Fiscal Year 2020



Recommended Budget

John S. Mangaratti
Town Manager

December 17, 2018

Annual Town Meeting starts on April 1, 2019. The warrant for Annual Town Meeting is now open and is scheduled to close on January 28, 2019. To learn more about Annual Town Meeting go to www.actonma.gov/townmeeting.

Residents may view the Town Manager's recommended budget on the Town website at www.actonma.gov/townmanager

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

THROUGH THE MONTH OF JANUARY! THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO HEAR FROM YOU! WHAT DO YOU THINK ACTON NEEDS TO DO TO BE A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY?

Please complete a brief survey that you can obtain by e-mailing the Health Department at health@actonma.gov.

We conducted a similar survey approximately 8 years ago and received 800 responses! We would love to hear from more of you this time! We have taken strides to implement improvements based on those results. Now we want to know if we should still be working on those items or if there are different needs that you can identify to improve the health of our community.

Please e-mail the Health Department at health@actonma.gov to have a link sent to you and be added to our mailing list or visit <https://tinyurl.com/healthyacton>.

Thank you for sharing your input!

2019 RABIES CLINIC

Saturday, January 26, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Dogstar Activity Center, 310-B School Street, Acton

Cost: \$15 Per Animal, (cash only)

With Special Thanks to: Dr. Jonathan Kelman, Great Road Veterinary Hospital and Dogstar Activity Center



Owners must bring the most recent vaccination certificate (tag not sufficient). Animals without certificates will receive vaccines good for one year only. All dogs must be leashed and cats in carriers. Animals with current wounds of unknown origin cannot be rabies vaccinated.

Please contact the Acton Health Department for additional information @ 978-929-6632 or email health@actonma.gov.

ATTENTION ACTON RESIDENTS

The 348-364 Main Street Master Plan Special Committee invites you to attend a public forum to discuss land use options for this important site on Main Street near Route 27

January 10, 2019*

7:00 PM

Room 204—Acton Town Hall



The committee is hosting a community conversation to inform the public of the work that has been completed to date and to gather feedback on more refined proposals for this highly-visible site. We hope you will participate!

*If cancelled due to inclement weather, the forum will be held on January 14.

ACTON TOWN HALL - 472 MAIN STREET - ACTON - MA - 01720

COUNCIL ON AGING

Council on Aging Senior Bulletin – Did you know every Acton resident 60 and older receives a copy of the monthly Senior Bulletin? Help the Council on Aging save printing and postal costs by switching how you receive your newsletter. You can opt to receive it by email, or offer to pick it up at the Senior Center, or you can opt to view it online at actoncoa.com. Call Judy at 978-929-6652 or email her at jpeters@actonma.gov and let her know your preference.

Visit actoncoa.com to read our latest newsletter, calendar list of events and more!

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

MAILBOX REPLACEMENT POLICY



The Highway Department would like to remind residents about the Mailbox Replacement Policy that was adopted by the Board of Selectmen in 2014.

Mailboxes installed in the Town right of way are placed at the owner's risk. Each mailbox installation should be sufficiently solid to withstand snow-clearing efforts by the Town. The Town does not replace mailboxes if damaged by snow being discharged by the snowplow.

The Town only assumes responsibility if a Town plow comes into contact with the mailbox or post. The Town will not be responsible for damage to any mailbox or post if the front of the box extends past the curb line and/or is within 6-inches from the curb line.

It is the responsibility of the owner of the mailbox to clear the snow around the mailbox to assure mail delivery by the U.S. Postal Department. If the snow banks are too high to shovel, place a temporary box beside the road until the snow has melted enough to allow access to the mailbox.

The complete Mailbox Policy may be viewed under the Highway link on the Town Website: www.actonma.gov.

COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICE

NEW! MASSHIRE CAREER CENTER

The Town of Acton has recently established a partnership with the MASSHIRE Metro South/West Career Center to provide career resources to residents. The MASSHIRE Metro South/West Career Center is part of a statewide network of workforce locations serving 43 cities and towns. Available services to residents include career counseling, resume writing assistance, interview preparation, job leads and referrals, job skills workshops and more.

The Mission of the MASSHIRE Career Centers is to help job seekers overcome barriers to enter or re-enter the workforce.

Residents can access services on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Human Services Facility located at 30R Sudbury Road.

To schedule an appointment please contact:

Heather Laudani-Mobile Career Advisor

(508) 782-0956

hlaudani@MassHireMSW.com

www.MassHireMSW.com



KELLEY'S CORNER UPDATE

Conceptual Rendering of Kelley's Corner Improvements



Did you know the Town has been working on a plan to improve Kelley's Corner (Main Street/Route 27 and Mass Ave/Route 111)? This project includes new accessible sidewalks and crosswalks, bike lanes, reduced vehicular congestion and reduced wait times, landscaping, tree plantings and pedestrian amenities. This "complete streets" plan has advanced with the help of public outreach and input over the past four years. Stay tuned to learn more, or visit actonma.gov/kc for more information.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

DO YOU KNOW THE LATEST?

Join our *E-newsletter mailing list* for information and updates that include concerts, events, fields and facilities, beach information, recreation programs, NARA Camp, bus trips, project updates and more! **To sign up, e-mail us at: recreation@acton-ma.gov**. Our goal is to keep you informed--and not inundate your inbox! You can also find us on Facebook: NARA Park, Acton Recreation, NARA Camp, TJ O'Grady Skate Park.

WINTER PROGRAMS BEING OFFERED: You can register online or in-person for programs offered through March, 2019 at actonrec.com. Winter programs are being offered for all ages including all new indoor soccer and basketball for younger children, Child and Me, Young Artists, exercise classes for adults, outdoor conservation walks, dance classes, arts and crafts, cake decorating and much more! Visit actonrec.com for more information or to sign-up.

DID YOU KNOW THAT ACTON REC HAS A FEBRUARY AND APRIL SCHOOL VACATION BREAK PROGRAM?

Acton Recreation is now offering affordable school vacation programs for youth ages 5-12 from 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. for only \$50 per child, per day. You can sign up for one day or all days. In addition to these programs we are also offering Action and Adventure Day Trips for ages 9-13.

REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT ACTONREC.COM

Please don't wait until it's too late!

February School Vacation Program
Come play with us!
Dates: 2/19-2/22
Enrichment programs including arts & crafts, active games, team building, theater games, outdoor play, and more!
Location: Acton Recreation Center
50 Audubon Drive, Acton, Ma
Register Online: www.actonrec.com

SKATING/SLEDDING/WALKING AT NARA PARK

NARA Park is one of the best places to go sledding in Acton! We highly recommend that sledders use helmets and sled towards the upper fields and not into the Amphitheater or behind the Amphitheater. We do not recommend skating on NARA Pond (or any pond/lake). Please use local indoor/outdoor rinks for your safety. NARA Park walkways and parking areas are maintained as soon as possible after a storm once all major streets and sidewalks have been cleared of snow and ice. The park is open during daylight hours free of charge and we ask that all dog walkers please leash and clean up after your pet.

BEN RUDNICK & FRIENDS PERFORMANCE: In the middle of the winter when you are looking for something or anything to do to get out of the house, we planned some great family-fun events to help the winter days pass by. Join us for a concert at the Rec Center on Sunday afternoon **January 13 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.** Admission fee is \$10 per family at the door. Learn more about the performer at www.benrudnick.com.

MARIONETTES SHOW: Tanglewood Marionettes presents Hansel & Gretel on Sunday afternoon **January 27 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Acton Rec. Center. Admission is \$8 at the door or \$6 in advance if you sign-up online at actonrec.com. Marionettes are fun for all ages!

WINTER CARNIVAL AT NARA PARK

Saturday, February 2 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Visit www.actonma.gov/events for more details as we get closer to the date!

STUDIO TWO - BEATLES TRIBUTE: Studio Two will perform not only the greatest hits that we all know, but many tunes from the Beatles before they were famous on **Friday, February 9 from 7:30-10:30 p.m.** Limited tickets are available for purchase. Tickets are \$35 per person which include a complimentary appetizer bar. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be sold separately. Tickets can be purchased in advance online at actonrec.com or in person at the Recreation office at 50 Audubon Drive. Learn more about the performers at www.studiotwotributeband.com.

KAREN K. & THE JITTERBUGS: On **Sunday, February 10** from 1:30-3:30 p.m., pack the kids in the car and join us for a fun afternoon of music and games! Admission is \$10 per family at the door. Learn more about the performer at www.karenjitterbugs.com.

LEARN MORE OR REGISTER FOR:

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL FOR NARA BEACH 2019 SEASONAL MEMBERSHIP - NARA SUMMER CAMP FOR AGES 4 TO 15 - SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMS - BUS TRIPS -

CONCERT TICKETS & MORE

@ ACTONREC.COM