

TOWN OF ACTON

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MARCH 1, 2019

ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS

From the Office of the Town Manager

As you can see in this month's edition, March is a very busy month in Acton as we prepare for our Annual Town Meeting.

The Kelley's Corner 25% Design Public Hearing is Tuesday, March 5 as described further below. We are also hosting four open house events which are meant to be less formal opportunities for community engagement on this project. The open house events will be held on Wednesday, March 13 and Thursday, March 21 between 1:00-3:00 p.m. or 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Town Hall.

The Boys and Girls Club of Assabet Valley is conducting a needs assessment as part of determining the feasibility of offering an afterschool program in Acton. The Boys and Girls Club has published an online survey as part of this needs assessment. Use the following link to access the survey: <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07efybvjo4jpwowh17/start>

The Middle Fort Pond Sewer District was established to address water resources in multiple high priority areas throughout town including West Acton. Preliminary design work started in 2016 and is proposed to continue next year to identify the cost and feasibility of constructing sewer infrastructure to serve West Acton. If you have any questions about the sewer project please attend the upcoming Sewer Forum scheduled for Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall.

Voter Registration Reminder: In order to vote in the next Town Election on March 26 or the 2019 Annual Town Meeting starting on Monday, April 1, residents need to register by Wednesday, March 6. The Town Clerk's Office will stay open until 8:00 p.m. on March 6 to ensure residents are able to register.

Please review the following pages for the latest information from our departments. If you have any comments or suggestions about this publication please e-mail manager@actonma.gov. We would appreciate your feedback.



Conceptual Rendering of Kelley's Corner Improvements - Intersection of Community Lane (formerly No-Name Road) and Massachusetts Avenue

KELLEY'S CORNER 25% DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M. ACTON TOWN HALL - ROOM 204

Did you know the proposed Kelley's Corner infrastructure plans include signaling Community Lane and Massachusetts Avenue?

To learn more and share your comments on the plan, please join us for the 25% Design Public Hearing on March 5, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at Acton Town Hall, Room 204.

For more information go to actonma.gov/kc.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting starts on Monday, April 1, 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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Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ActonMAGov/>

Follow us on **Twitter** @ActonMAGov:

<https://twitter.com/ActonMAGov>

Sign up for **Town notifications**, emergency alerts and general alerts - subscribe, unsubscribe or manage your subscriptions: <https://www.acton.ma.gov/list.aspx>

POLICE DEPARTMENT



COFFEE WITH A COP JOIN US!

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

9:00-11:00 A.M.

DUNKIN'S

100 POWDERMILL ROAD



ACTON CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

**An 8-week program held each Wednesday beginning
April 3 through May 22 from 4:00 – 6:00 P.M.
at the Public Safety Facility, 371 Main Street, Acton**

Here is a great opportunity to find out what your Police Department and Dispatch Center does on a daily basis. Classes will be taught by officers specializing in each of the subject areas giving participants the opportunity to meet many members of the Acton Police Department and be able to ask questions and give feedback.

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

- Tour the Public Safety Facility
- Learn the History and Structure of the Police Department
- Patrol Procedures
- Traffic Enforcement
- Use of Force
- Drug Investigations
- Domestic Violence
- Mental Health Issues
- Criminal Investigations
- Juveniles & Restorative Justice
- Prosecution & Criminal Law
- Dispatch Operations
and more!



**FREE PROGRAM
FOR AGES 18+**

**For more information or to enroll contact
Police Chief Rich Burrows at 978.929.7512
or e-mail rburrows@acton-ma.gov**

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MARCH FUN! WEAR THE GREEN DANCE NIGHT!

Friday, March 22 from 7-10:00 p.m.
Join us for a great concert featuring the Scooby Snax Band at the Acton Rec. Center, 50 Audubon Drive. Admission is \$5 per person at the door. The Scooby Snax Band plays a variety of covers from yesterday's classics to today's hits. Light refreshments will be available for purchase.

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FEATURING
THE SCOOPY SNAX BAND

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7:00-10:00 p.m.
Acton Rec. Center
50 Audubon Drive, Acton

Refreshments available for purchase
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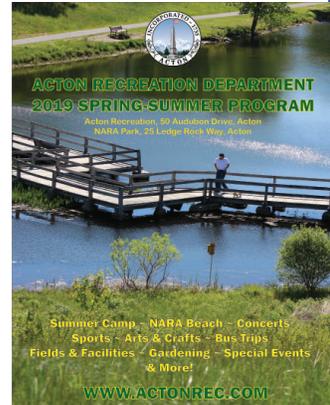
Goodbye winter...
welcome spring!



ACTON RECREATION 2019 SPRING-SUMMER PROGRAM BOOKLET JUST RELEASED!

Classes, Camp, Beach,
Events & More!

ACTONREC.COM



NARA SEASONAL HELP WANTED

The Town of Acton is accepting applications for the following seasonal positions for NARA Beach and Camp, located at NARA Park.



**Lifeguard, Water Safety Instructor, Parking
Attendant, Snack Bar Attendant**

Applications are available on the Town website:

www.actonma.gov/hr

Send to: Human Resources, 472 Main St., Acton, MA 01720. (978) 929-6613 /
hr@actonma.gov



Photo: Studio Two -The Beatles Before America performed at the Rec. Center on Feb. 9 to a sold out audience!

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

LIBRARY WINTER HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

CONCERT WITH 'RAGTIME' JACK RADCLIFFE

On Sunday, March 3 at 3:00 p.m.

'Ragtime' Jack Radcliffe performs songs celebrating America's music on piano, guitar, fiddle, and banjo. His repertoire covers the spectrum from Appalachia to Broadway, and from Vaudeville to New Orleans. Sponsored by the Acton Memorial Library Foundation.

LIBRARY PARTNERS WITH BRUINS FOR PJ DRIVE

Once again we have teamed up with the Boston Bruins for their annual pajama drive to benefit DCF Kids and Cradles to Crayons. There will be a donation bin in the lobby from **February 26 through March 15** for collecting new pajamas for babies, children, and teens. This year there will also be a drop off location at the Senior Center.

Bruins forward P.J. Axelsson and his wife, Siw, started the PJ drive during the Boston Bruins 2007-2008 season as a way to give back to the community. The couple collected 1,600 pairs of pajamas for Cradles to Crayons which connects with social service agencies to identify specific children in need. The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners works with the Boston Bruins to coordinate library participation in the drive. The statewide goal is to collect



12,000 pairs of new pajamas for children and teens in need.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Ralph Breaks the Internet, rated PG.

INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL

Thursday, March 7, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of spreadsheets with Excel 2010. Registration is required. To register, call the Reference Desk at 978-929-6543.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

On Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Drop-in for Preschool Story Time for children ages 3 to 7. Children will enjoy picture books, music, and movement followed by a craft. No registration is required.

LEGO CLUB

Thursday, March 7, 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Youngsters ages 4 and up are invited to sharpen their Lego skills. Kids bring their imaginations--the library has the Legos! No sign-up needed.

**FOLLOW ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY ON
INSTAGRAM @ACTONLIBRARY**



COUNCIL ON AGING

Join us for programs at the Senior Center this month. Please call the Acton COA at 978-929-6652 for more information or visit actoncoa.com.

MEET THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN CANDIDATES

Thursday, March 7, at 10:00 a.m.

Sponsored by the League of Woman Voters.

MEMORY CAFE

Friday, March 8, 11:30-1:00 p.m.

A welcoming place for people with memory impairment and their care partners/caregivers. Includes lunch and entertainment.

50+ JOB SEEKERS REGIONAL NETWORKING GROUP

Monday, March 11, 2:00 p.m.

Network and learn about using LinkedIn as a powerful job search tool. Pre-register: www.mcoonline/50plus.

CLASSICAL MUSIC SERIES WITH SIVAN ETEDGE: SONGS OF SCHUBERT AND SCHUMANN

Thursday, March 14, 1:00 p.m.

JAVA WITH JOHN

Friday, March 15, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation with the Town Manager, John Mangiaratti.



ACTON LIONS CLUB ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 17, 1:00 p.m.

Traditional corned beef dinner served by the Lions Club for Acton & Boxborough Seniors. Call the COA for a reservation.

HOME SAFETY 101

Tuesday, March 19, 1:00 p.m.

Occupational Therapist Whitney Rohrer of Nashoba Nursing Service & Hospice will review safety techniques utilized within the various rooms of your home. Participants will learn to maximize independence through education, equipment and adaptation.

REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES WORKSHOP ON LICENSE RENEWAL AND REAL ID

Thursday, March 21, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

The Registry of Motor Vehicles is offering a free workshop on license renewal and REAL ID.

HISTORY OF 1950's MUSIC: RHYTHM & BLUES

Wednesday, March 27, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

John Clark presents a multimedia program that combines historical facts and anecdotes with lots of music and video clips of R&B music from the 50s.

Photo: Chinese New Year Celebration at the Senior Center



WA CITIZEN'S LIBRARY

The West Acton Citizens' Library, with the generous support of the Garden Club, is opening a Seed Library.

We have 22 varieties of fruit and vegetable seeds, many heirloom and most organic which will be available for free from the library. The idea is for patrons to "borrow" seeds to plant at



home and when they bear fruit, harvest the seeds to "return" to the library where we will store them for people to use the next growing season. We will have many books available on growing and harvesting seeds for beginners and we hope to expand the program over time if people want to add their own varieties. The program will open to the public starting in March and seeds and growing instructions will be available at the West Acton Citizens' Library throughout the spring and summer.

For more information call the library at 978-929-6654 or e-mail jfriedman@actonma.gov

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

LAST CALL...THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Hey, Acton: It's Time for a Checkup! Healthy Acton Town-Wide Survey

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 or by going directly to <https://tinyurl.com/healthyacton>.

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.

Thank you for sharing your input!

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Do you want to get involved in making Acton a better place to live? There are many boards and committees in town run by volunteers, and many of them are in need of new members. This is your chance to make a difference! There are both Ad Hoc and ongoing committee slots available. Examples include the Recreation Commission, the Cable Advisory Committee, the Transportation Advisory Committee, and the Volunteer Coordinating Committee.

There is sure to be a board that can use your knowledge and skills. There is no better way to give back to your community than volunteering. For a full listing of committee vacancies, visit the Volunteer Coordinating Commission (VCC) on the Town website:

www.actonma.gov/volunteer



ACTON'S DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICES



Dial-A-Ride Services in Acton are here to get you where you need to go—Doctor's Offices, shopping, and the Council on Aging are just some of the destinations. Call today to learn more.

BOOK A RIDE

Call 978-844-6809
Mon - Fri, 8:30am - 4:00pm

MORE INFO

www.MinuteVan.net

Service vehicles will vary

Real Estate Taxes - Ask the Assessor

*Everything you always wanted to know
about Real Estate Taxes...*

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 AT 1:00 PM

Acton Senior Center
30 Sudbury Road, Acton

This seminar is open to all Acton residents.

Meet the staff from the Town's Assessor's Office who will discuss options, exemptions and obligations regarding property tax.

If you would like to schedule an appointment to speak directly with a staff member from the Assessors office later the same day, please call 978.929.6652.