



TOWN OF ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL MONTHLY

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TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Thursday: 8 AM - 5 PM
Friday: 8 AM - 2:30 PM

TOWN HALL & HUMAN SERVICES HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday: 8 AM - 5 PM
Tuesday: 8 AM - 7:30 PM
Wednesday: 8 AM - 5 PM
Thursday: 8 AM - 5 PM
Friday: 8 AM - 12 PM
Saturday - Sunday: Closed
Closed: Monday, June 19

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - 8 PM
Friday: 9 AM - 5 PM
Saturday: 9 AM - 1 PM
Sunday: CLOSED

Do you have photos taken in Acton? Submit them to photos@actonma.gov and we'll feature them in future publications.

TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

The rehabilitation of Gardner Field has made great progress in the last month: the equipment for Acton's first universally designed playground has been installed and children and caregivers of all abilities will soon be able to enjoy the new park. The Elm Street Tennis Courts are temporarily closed for renovation – the new tennis courts will include pickleball lines. The project is anticipated to be completed by Labor Day.



Gardner Field playground equipment in sight.



Elm Street court surface reclaimed and its new gravel base being graded

You may have also noticed that construction for the center is nearly complete, pending the painting of the lines to make it a complete street, with a bike lane and new crosswalks.

We recently closed out our fiscal year. I want to thank the town employees for their hard work and commitment to providing high-quality services. As Town Manager, I am inspired by a passionate, innovative, inclusive community. I am grateful for the Select Board, volunteer boards and commissions, and the community for their support and assistance.

Wishing everyone a safe and memorable summer!

Sincerely,
John S. Mangiaratti
Town Manager



CJ CARROLL

FINANCE DEPARTMENT - PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR

Please join us in welcoming CJ Carroll to the Finance Department. CJ started recently as the town's Principal Assessor. CJ comes to us from Lunenburg where he was their Principal Assessor. He was actively involved in managing and overseeing all functions of the Assessing Office including interaction with the Board of Assessors and Board of Selectmen. Before joining Lunenburg, CJ was the Assistant Assessor for the Town of Winthrop. In addition, he was doing data collection consulting work for Haring Assessment Consultants.



MICHAEL GIFFORD

GIS OFFICE & ENGINEERING DIVISION - INTERN

Michael Gifford is an intern with the GIS Office and Engineering Division. He recently completed his first year at UMass Amherst where he is studying geography with a concentration in sustainability and environmental science, as well as Spanish. In his free time, Michael enjoys playing trombone, singing, listening to music, drawing, and spending time outdoors. Michael is excited to learn more about GIS and its applications at a local level, and looks forward to helping out with the Town's GIS projects.



HANNAH ARLEDGE

SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE - FELLOW

Hannah Arledge is a summer fellow in the Office of Sustainability. She is a second year MS Sustainability student at Tufts where her academic focuses are environmental policy, land use, and food systems. In her free time, she enjoys trail running, camping, contemporary art, and cooking outside. Hannah is excited to learn from the town about implementing sustainability at the municipal level and the opportunity to work on a wide variety of projects from open space to hazard mitigation.



LAUREN WEST

SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE - FELLOW

Lauren West is joining Acton's Sustainability Department this summer as a fellow. She recently graduated from Bentley University where she double majored in management and sustainability. In her free time, Lauren enjoys practicing yoga, running, and baking. Lauren is passionate about sustainability and is excited to help the town advance initiatives promoting renewable energy, waste reduction, and more this summer!



NAOMI YAMAGUCHI

COUNCIL ON AGING - INTERN

Naomi is interning at the COA this summer. She is an ABRHS grad who just completed her first year at Columbia University where she is majoring in Neuroscience and Behavior with a concentration in Linguistics. Naomi is a classical pianist and has won 1st prize at international competitions. Naomi will be performing at the Senior Center Tuesday, July 11 at 4pm and leading singing groups throughout the summer. She is assisting the COA with their Dementia Friendly initiatives this summer.



MAY HONG

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE - INTERN

May Hong is an ABRHS graduate and will be attending UC San Diego in the fall. Prior to being hired as an intern, May volunteered in the Economic Development Office and helped with such initiatives as the Kelley's Corner 2022 Block Party, Small Business Saturday 2022 and more. This summer he is helping with other exciting initiatives in business outreach, public art and the retail pop up. Additionally he has also helped out in the Recreation Department. Stop by and say hello!

POLICE DEPARTMENT - TRAFFIC ATTENDANTS:



RYAN FARRELL

Ryan is a retired dispatcher from the Town of Lincoln. He lives in town with his wife and children.



DONALD BLOOM

Donald is a retired Massachusetts Correctional Officer serving 33 years.



STEPHANIE HAYWOOD

Stephanie is a self-employed Hairstylist



CHRISTINE LUKSHA

Christine resides in Sterling and is retired from the Federal Bureau of Prisons.



JONATHON KERR

Jonathon worked for the AB School District, including Danny's Place Youth Services as the Executive Director



DEBBIE RICHARDSON

Debbie is a retired special police officer.

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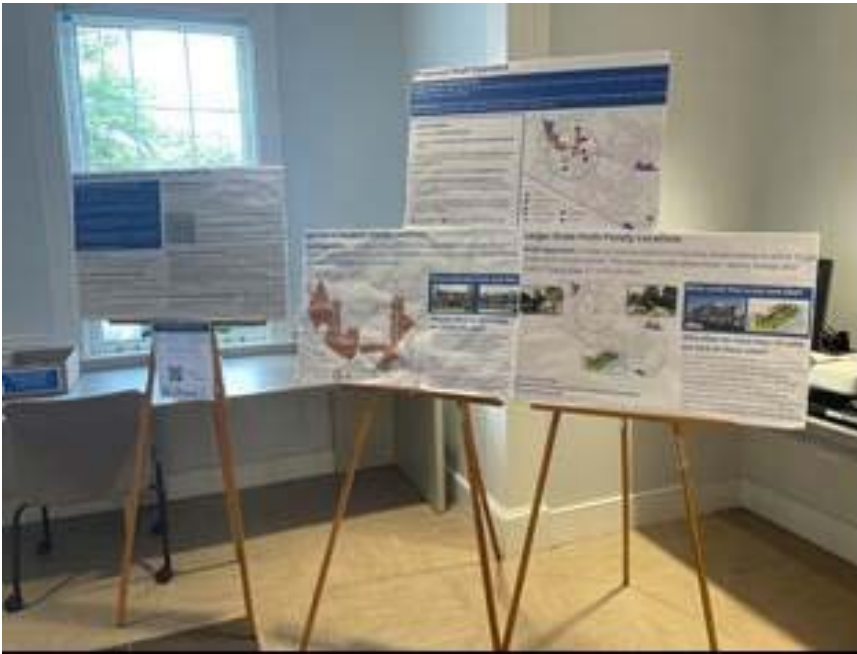
SUPPORT LOCAL | SHOP SMALL | DREAM BIG

This unique pop-up space is home to local businesses bringing their entrepreneurial endeavors to Acton for the summer season.

Each OpBox space is made from over 14,000 recycled plastic bottles, creating a sustainable foundation for this innovative initiative.

The Town of Acton is partnering with UpNext and the 495/MetroWest Partnership to create this opportunity for emerging brands. The project is funded by the the Massachusetts Office of Business Development's REDO grant program.

To learn more about Project: Pop-Up and the story behind each business participating in this initiative, please visit project-pop-up.com and follow along @project.popup



Help shape the future of South Acton!

Visit Town Hall during operational hours to learn about the MBTA Communities Requirement (Section 3A) and the proposed draft approach for Acton. Fill out a visual preference questionnaire while you are here! The posters are located in the Land Use Wing on the left when you enter the building. Questions? Contact the Planning Division at 978-929-6631 or planning@actonma.gov.

**PROJECT UPDATES AVAILABLE ONLINE --
CLICK ON EACH IMAGE FOR INFORMATION**



**Click Here for Kelley's Corner
Construction Updates**



SOUTH ACTON



Vision & Action Plan


CONNECT POWDER MILL ROAD

Re-visioning the Powder Mill Road Corridor

An Acton and Maynard Collaboration

The Town of Acton Police Department Presents Youth Police Academy

For ages 12-15
Monday, July 10 - Friday, July 14
9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.



Youth Police Academy will be held at NARA Park & the Public Safety Facility

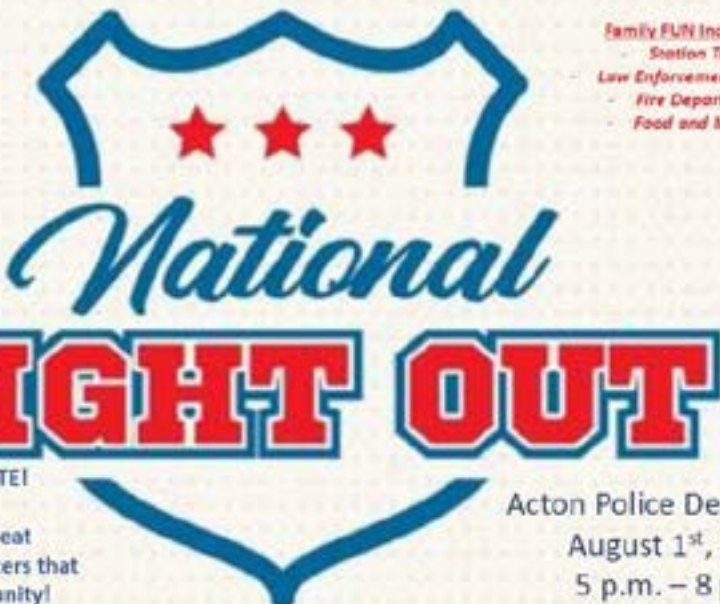

Led by the Acton Police Youth Officers;
Detective Luke Penney, Detective Jon Stackhouse, K-9 Zane,
Detective AJ Rotella, and Sergeant Scott Krug

Youth Police Academy Includes:

- Crime Scene Investigation
- Special Enforcement Unit
- Traffic Safety
- Special Guest Visitors!
- Self-Defense
- Physical Fitness
- Arrest Process
- K-9 Unit
- Police Vehicles/Units
- Graduation Ceremony

Fee: Free
Limited Enrollment
Register Online Beginning March 15
www.actonrec.com

This is a program for students who are interested in learning how officers perform their duties.



Family FUN Includes:
- Station Tours
- Law Enforcement Vehicles
- Fire Department
- Food and MORE!

MEET * CONNECT * UNITE!

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to meet the officers that proudly serve OUR community!

Acton Police Department
August 1st, 2023
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

The Acton Police Department obtained three additional portable speed signs under a grant from The Executive Office of Public Safety. The signs will be deployed throughout Town shortly.



LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY: 9 AM – 8 PM

FRIDAY: 9 AM – 5 PM

SATURDAY: 9 AM – 1 PM

SUNDAY: CLOSED

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

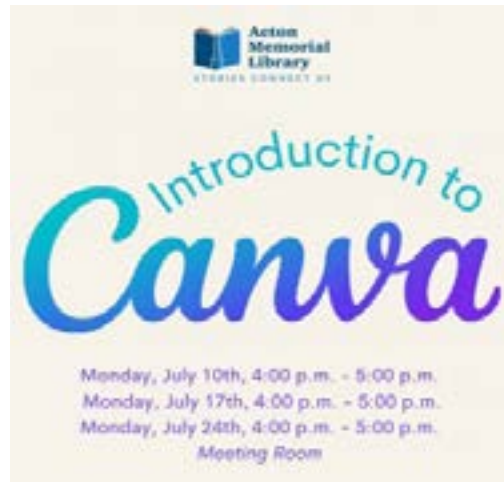
- **Reader's Theater**, Mondays, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- **Baby Toddler Storytime at the Library**, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- **Singalong Storytime with Mr. Robert**, Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
- **Preschool Storytime at the Library**, Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- **Children's Crafting**, Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- **Pre-K to 1st Grade Crafting**, Fridays, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- **Friday Gaming for Kids**, Fridays, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- **Free Art Camp with Local Artist Nooriya**, Fridays, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- **Nueva Hora de Cuentos en Español**, Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
- **Sensory Storytime**, Friday, July 7th & 21st, 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **Bilingual Storytime in Mandarin & English**, Monday, July 10th & 24th, 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- **Bug Hunt with the Discovery Museum**, Tuesday, July 11th, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- **Sew a Stuffie for Beginners**, Tuesday, July 11th, 18th, and 25th, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- **Club 678: Make Solar Prints**, Tuesday, July 11th, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **Read to Goats**, Tuesday, July 11th & 25th, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (offsite at Liberty Tree Farm)
- **Read to a Horse**, Tuesday, July 11th & 25th, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (offsite at Liberty Tree Farm)
- **Wildlife Encounters**, Wednesday, July 12th, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **Stuffed Animal Sleepover**, Thursday, July 13th, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **Read to a Dog**, Tuesday, July 18th, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- **D&D for 5th and 6th Graders**, Saturday, July 22nd, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

TEEN PROGRAMS

- **D&D for Teens**, Grades 7+, Saturday, July 15th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **Find Your Voice: Intro to Short Form Improv**, Wednesday, July 19th, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30

ADULT PROGRAMS

- **Climate Cafe with Energize Acton**, Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- **Introduction to Canva: A 3-Part Series**, Monday, July 10th, 17th, and 24th, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- **Yarn and Needle Club**, Tuesday, July 11th & 25th, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Stories Connect Us: Walk & Talk at the Acton Arboretum**, Wednesday, July 12th, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- **Breathe for Change**, Friday, July 14th & 28th, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- **Virtual: At the Weather Station with NBC10 Boston Meteorologist Pamela Gardener**, Wednesday, July 19th, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- **R.E.A.D. Book Club**, Thursday, July 20th, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- **Summer Concert Series: Nigerian Drumming**, Saturday, July 22nd, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- **Stories Connect Us: Book Discussion**, Wednesday, July 26th, 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
- **I Hiked Acton's Trails Book Club**, Friday, July 28th, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.





CAP ANNUAL UPDATE

Join us on Tuesday, July 25th, to learn about the past year of climate work, help inform the Town's next steps, and introduce the Climate Action Plan (CAP) Tracker at the CAP Annual Update!

Click the link to register and see you on Zoom at 7PM: bit.ly/3rcQEHR



CLIMATE ACTION PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE

Tuesday, July 25
7PM EST | Zoom



Acton Memorial Library, Wednesdays, 5-6pm

UPCOMING TOPICS:

- July 12 - Meet an Acton Clean Energy Coach
- July 19 - Electric Vehicle "Petting Zoo"
- July 26 - Go Solar! Acton Homeowner Stories
- Aug. 2 - Outline of State/Federal Incentives
- Aug. 9 - Celebration of Plant-Based Foods!

More info at EnergizeActon.org Events or the Acton Memorial Library Calendar



CLIMATE CAFE

Energize Acton, together with the Acton Memorial Library, has organized a series of exciting events every Wednesday this summer, 5-6PM! The events are open to the public.

Join us at our next event on July 12th to meet a volunteer Clean Energy Coach and hear how they can assist you learn about, plan for, and initiate home energy updates.

MEET AN ACTON CLEAN ENERGY COACH!

Acton Memorial Library, July 12, 5-6pm



Weatherization



Heat Pumps



Solar



Electric Vehicles

The Council on Aging at the Senior Center offers services and activities for residents age 60+

- **Location:** Human Services Facility at 30 Sudbury Road Rear
- **Contact us:** seniorcenter@actonma.gov or (978) 929-6652
- **Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8 AM to 5 PM, Tuesday 8 AM to 7:30 PM, and Friday 8 AM to Noon
- **Information:** Visit our website www.actoncoa.com where you can get the most up-to-date information and view our newsletter. Follow us on [Facebook @actoncoa](#)

For seniors and their family members seeking information on area social services, please contact COA Senior Services Coordinator Beverly Hutchings at 978.929.6652. She provides information on home care agencies, elder day programs, housing options, food and fuel assistance, and a variety of other services.

JULY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS (SEE OUR NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS):

- **Rightsizing Your Life Lunch and Learn, Chinatti Realty**, Tuesday, July 11, 1:00 pm
- **Classical Music Piano Concert with Naomi Yamaguchi**, Tuesday, July 11, 4:00 pm
- **New line dancing class with Paul Hughes**, Wednesdays, July 12 through August 23, 3:30 pm
- **All Things Books with Zoey from Acton Memorial Library**, Wednesday, July 12, 11:00 am
- **Dead Presidents: Crisis, Conspiracy, and Constitutional Succession**, Thursday, July 13, 1:00 pm
- **Singing Group with Naomi**, Wednesdays, July 12, 26, August 2, 16, at 11:30 am
- **The dates have changed for upcoming Words Galore class via Zoom to Fridays**, July 21 through August 25, at 9 am
- **Reiki Talk and Demonstration with Denise Gilbert**, Tuesday, July 25, 2:00 pm
- **Quotable Politicians presentation**, Thursday, July 27, 1:00
- **Ask the Lawyer appointments with Attorney Margaret Hoag**, Tuesday, July 18, 9 to 11:00 am
- **Life Discussion Group with Older Adult Peer Specialist Tracy Woods**, Thursdays through July 20, 11:00 am
- **Beeyonder Virtual Tour of Cascais, Portugal, Zoom from home or Senior Center**, Tuesday, July 18, 2:30 pm
- **Wool Needle Felting Art Class, subject will be a sunset**, Wednesday, July 19, 1:00 pm
- **Birthday card craft workshop with Nancy Dodge**, Wednesday, July 26 at 11:00 am
- **Memory Lane Café for those with memory impairment and their care partners**, Tuesday, July 25, 12 noon
- **Meet the COA Staff**, Tuesday, August 1, 10:30 am

OTHER ACTIVITIES: We offer exercise classes for all fitness levels, chess lessons, gym with senior-friendly equipment, drop-in activities including Laughter Yoga, needle arts groups, genealogy group, and bridge. Play pool anytime we are open.

TECH SUPPORT: We have wonderful student volunteers that will work with you one-on-one with you on your computer, tablet, and cell phone questions. Another volunteer will meet with you specifically to help with the iPhone Health app or to fill out a File of Life card. The COA partners with Open Table to provide free frozen meals as well as Healthy Helpings heart-healthy meal packages to seniors; contact the COA for more information.

MEALS: The Minuteman Senior Service (MMSS) dining site offers in-person lunches Monday through Thursday at noon for \$2 donation. Anyone celebrating a birthday receives a free lunch the second Thursday of the month! Grab and Go lunches continue to be offered Monday through Friday. Sign up for lunch at least 24 hours in advance in person or by phone 781.221.7098. MMSS offers weekday continental breakfast served from 8:30 to 10 AM, featuring items such as bagels, yogurt, and juice.

The COA partners with Open Table to provide free frozen meals as well as Healthy Helpings heart-healthy meal packages to seniors; contact the COA for more information.

MAKE A RESERVATION WITH THE COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SPECIAL CULINARY EVENTS:

- **Annual Acton Fire Department Cookout**, Tuesday, July 11 at 5:00 pm
- **Benchmark at Robbins Brook lunch, chicken pasta salad**, Tuesday, July 18, noon, \$3
- **Make sure you check out our made-to-order lunch café**, Wednesdays from 11:30-1:30, all ages welcome

ART EXHIBIT this month features the art of Acton residents Jen Mabardy and Lara Maira.

NEWSLETTER: If you are going to be away over the summer and have set up a Temporarily Away with USPS, please let us know to hold your newsletter. Your newsletters get returned at a cost to the town of 87 cents each - it soon adds up! Better still, let us take you off the mailing list completely and subscribe to the online newsletter at www.actoncoa.com and never miss an issue. We will be happy to add you back onto the USPS mailed copy in the future. Please contact us at 978.929.6652 or seniorcenter@actonma.gov.



New Lunch Cafe is now open at the Human Services - Senior Center on Wednesdays

DIRECTORY OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS

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