



# TOWN OF ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS

# MUNICIPAL MONTHLY



Town Manager Mangiaratti shares remarks alongside Acton's legislative delegation and Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. *Photo taken May 13, 2021*

**COVID-19 INFORMATION CENTER**

**ACTON**  
**TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE**

DIAL  
**978-929-6600**

#### **TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE** **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

#### **TOWN HALL** **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Sunday: Closed

Monday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Saturday: Closed

#### **HUMAN SERVICES** **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

All Town offices will be closed on Friday, June 18 for the Juneteenth holiday.

#### **FINANCE**

Assessor: 978-929-6621 - [assessor@actonma.gov](mailto:assessor@actonma.gov)

Collector: 978-929-6622 - [collector@actonma.gov](mailto:collector@actonma.gov)

Town Clerk: 978-929-6620 - [clerk@actonma.gov](mailto:clerk@actonma.gov)

#### **LAND USE**

Building: 978-929-6633 - [building@actonma.gov](mailto:building@actonma.gov)

Conservation: 978-929-6634 - [nr@actonma.gov](mailto:nr@actonma.gov)

Health: 978-929-6632 - [health@actonma.gov](mailto:health@actonma.gov)

Planning: 978-929-6631 - [planning@actonma.gov](mailto:planning@actonma.gov)

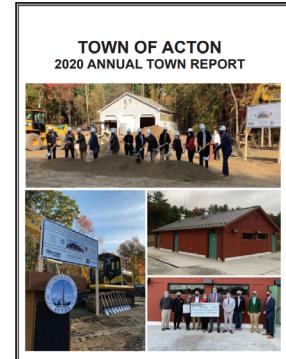
Recreation: 978-929-6640 - [recreation@actonma.gov](mailto:recreation@actonma.gov)

## TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

The Annual Town Meeting will be held Monday, June 21st at 6:00 PM at the Acton-Boxborough Regional High School Upper Gymnasium and Adjacent Parking Lot. There will be 42 articles, including 3 citizen petitions, and 22 on the consent agenda. In partnership with ActonTV, pre-recorded presentation explaining most of the articles will be published online the week before. The finalized warrant will be available to view by 5:00 PM on June 7th by visiting [actonma.gov/townmeeting](http://actonma.gov/townmeeting).

Last month, the Governor announced the final steps of the reopening process. I am proud of the way the organization and community have responded to this once-in-a-lifetime public health crisis. Additional information on reopening can be found on Page 2 of this Municipal Monthly.

The Annual Town Report is required for all cities and towns to submit to residents and the Secretary of the Commonwealth's office each year. This is a tremendous undertaking of all town departments and committees to report their activity of the previous calendar year. I am pleased to announce, thanks to the efforts of the Town Manager's office Executive Assistant Lisa Tomyl, that the 2020 Annual Town Report is available. Copies of the Town Report are available in Town Hall, Annual Town Meeting, and online at [actonma.gov/townmeeting](http://actonma.gov/townmeeting).



Acton is hiring! After months of a hiring freeze due to the pandemic, many departments including Public Works, Human Resources, Memorial Library, and the Planning Department are seeking applicants for a variety of positions for all levels of experience. For more information and to obtain an application, please visit [actonma.gov/jobs](http://actonma.gov/jobs).

Lastly, Acton was proud to host Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito (shown in photo to right), Assistant Secretary of Communities and Programs Juan Vega, State Senator Jamie Eldridge, State Representatives Tami Gouveia and Dan Sena, among many other

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distinguished guests and staff for an award ceremony of the \$2.75 million MassWorks infrastructure grant for sewer and Complete Streets improvements in South Acton. We are extremely grateful for the Baker-Polito and Acton's legislative delegation's continued support of the community's efforts.

Sincerely,  
John S. Mangiaratti  
Town Manager

## Town of Acton Re-Opening Update

Town buildings reopened to the public on May 3rd with mask requirements and social distancing measures in place. As of Tuesday, June 1, Town of Acton buildings and offices will be transitioning to the new statewide guidance regarding covid restrictions which eliminates capacity limits and most face covering requirements. Announcements regarding the transition to in-person public meetings will be made later in June.

Please see individual department webpages for operating hours and contact phone numbers should you have any questions. Most Town business can still be conducted online or by phone, and the drop box at the entrance to Town Hall will continue to be available for correspondence to all Town departments. Masks will no longer be required in most settings, but non-vaccinated individuals are advised to wear a mask and maintain social distancing when around others, please see the update mask requirements effective May 29th (<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-mask-requirements#effective-may-29-updated-mask-requirements->).

The Town will continue to follow CDC guidance for cleaning and hygiene protocols. Gathering limits and business restrictions will be lifted on May 29 as well. These changes are being made in accordance with Governor Baker's reopening announcement (<https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-to-lift-covid-restrictions-may-29-state-to-meet-vaccination-goal-by-beginning-of-june>) and the latest CDC guidance. For anyone who would like to get vaccinated or learn more about the safe and effective vaccines that are available, please go to [mass.gov/covidvaccine](https://www.mass.gov/covidvaccine) or call the Health Department at 978-929-6632.

## VETERANS SERVICES



As we somewhat ease ourselves back into normalcy, I'd like to take this opportunity to reach out and let everyone know that my office is now open to the public at 30 Sudbury Road - Rear, in Acton. There is seating available to meet outside of my office (weather permitting), and I am available to make home visits, to assist with obtaining any Veteran benefits that may be worthwhile to you.

Please click [here](#) to read the recent Veteran Services Newsletter that contains information on just a few of the benefits you may be entitled to, and information on local Veteran related organizations. This newsletter was sent out via postal mail to all Acton and Boxborough Veterans. Please

share this information with family and friends you feel may benefit from this information provided.

State and Federal Veterans benefits are not a handout; they are benefits you've earned through your service to our country. There are no costs associated with my services and confidentiality is completely respected. Please contact my office if you wish to learn more at (978) 929-6614 or e-mail: [jmacrae@actonma.gov](mailto:jmacrae@actonma.gov).

James R. MacRae, District Director  
Acton and Boxborough Veterans' Services



## **2020 HONOREES**

### **40 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Raymond Grey, Police

### **30 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Kevin Antonelli, Dispatch

### **20 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Terese Zaborowski, Council on Aging

Eric J. Mathieu, Fire

William H. Wilkie, Highway

Daniel J. Silva, Police

Mark Hald III, Town Manager/IT

Stephen G. Barrett, Finance/Treasurer/Collector

Kristin K. Alexander, IT

Douglas J. Sturniolo, Police

Brent Carter, Fire

Scott C. Krug, Police

### **10 YEARS OF SERVICE**

James Kissane, Fire

Ryan Hunt, Trees & Grounds

Christopher West, Municipal Properties

Michal Ricard, Highway

Sharon Mercurio, Council on Aging

Joseph Borey, Highway

Linda Cullen, Nursing

## **2021 HONOREES**

### **20 YEARS OF SERVICE**

James Judge, Fire

Todd McKelvie, Police

Sean Sheridan, Fire

Jared Crowley, Fire

### **10 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Melissa Rier, Natural Resources

Bettina Abe, Natural Resources

James MacRae, Veterans Service Office

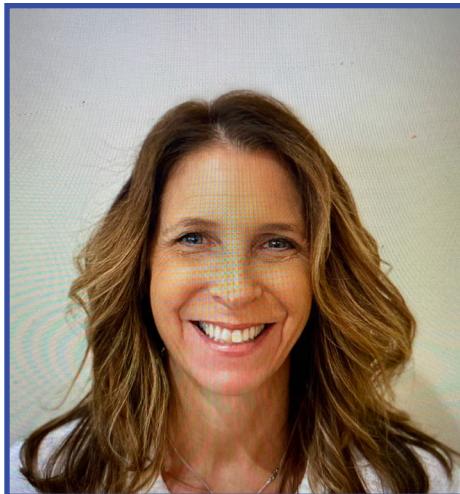
Olga Khmil, Finance

Elise Katz, Memorial Library

Kristin MacLeod, Memorial Library

Weiyuan Sun, Land Use

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



**ACTON NURSING SERVICES:** Please welcome Jill Salamon, MPH, MSN, RN to her new position as Public Health Nurse with the Acton Nursing Services!

Jill joined Acton Nursing Services in 2015 as a per diem nurse. Jill graduated from Columbia University School of Public Health with a Masters in Public Health in 1991 and continued on to Massachusetts General Hospital Institute for Health Professionals earning a Masters in the Science of Nursing – Family Practice in 1995.

Jill's career started in California working as a Health Education Coordinator. She then moved to Massachusetts and worked as a Family Nurse Practitioner at the Great Brook Valley Health Center in Worcester. Jill then took some time to raise her three daughters and re-entered the work force with ANS in 2015. While working per diem for ANS, she also worked as a Geriatric Nurse Case Manager at Transition with Care in Concord, which she plans to continue while working as Acton's Public Health Nurse. Jill assisted with the COVID-19 contact tracing this past November as well as being the Nurse Vaccinator with Acton's COVID-19 Homebound Vaccination Clinics in conjunction with the Acton Fire Department.

We are thrilled to have Jill working in her new position and look forward to some new programming and ideas!

**JILL SALAMON, MPH, MSN, RN**

**LAND USE DEPARTMENT:** Please welcome the newest addition to the Land Use Department, Administrative Assistant Alicia Burak!

Alicia comes to the LUD after serving the Acton community for more than 15 years as a Public Safety Dispatcher. As an administrative assistant within the Land Use Department, Alicia will utilize her strong communication and multi-tasking skills to provide superior customer service to the public. She will be helping out primarily the building and planning divisions, processing permits and taking minutes for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Alicia recently obtained her real estate license, so working with the building and planning divisions is a great fit.

We are thrilled to have Alicia as part of the Land Use team!



**ALICIA BURAK**

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**@ActonMAGov**



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<https://www.actonma.gov/subscribe>

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



LUISA CALLAHAN

**DOG PARK COMMITTEE:** My name is Luisa and I moved to Acton 3 years ago. After having lived in several cities and towns, I feel like I have finally found a community where I want to establish roots. Joining the dog park committee has been a great way to get to know this great town. During my time off, I enjoy spending time cooking and entertaining at home. If I'm not hiking the beautiful local trails with my husband Tim and dog Charlie, I am heading down to the south shore, where I grew up, to spend time by the ocean and visit with my family.



PEGGY HEBERT

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION:** I am a native Actonian and am very happy to volunteer on the Agricultural Commission. I still live on the farm I grew up on. Because there are so few farms left in Acton, it is vitally important to make the residents aware of farming in the community, and the value of supporting them.



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CORCORAN

**RECREATION COMMISSION:** I have lived in Acton for 53 years and have raised three children in this town. My professional career spanned over 40 years beginning with teaching Kindergarten students and ending as a faculty member at Lesley University. I have watched the Town grow and change over time. My interest and commitment to Acton has not diminished and I will continue to work on various committees in Town to recognize the past and reach with enthusiasm into an exciting future, for all residents.

### VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Do you want to get involved in making Acton a better place to live? There are more than 40 boards and committees in town run by volunteers, and many need new members. This is your chance to make a difference! Ad Hoc and Ongoing Committee slots are available. Examples include the ANS Advisory Committee, the Historic District Commission, the Volunteer Coordinating Committee, and the Recreation Commission. 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. To view a list of openings, and to obtain an application, please visit [actonma.gov/volunteer](http://actonma.gov/volunteer).

**We ready for a fabulous summer offering many exciting programs and events!**  
**Welcome Summer of 2021!**

### **NEWLY ADDED SUMMER PROGRAMS - ONLINE AND IN-PERSON**

Summer programs for all ages are open for registration now. Online Code Wiz Summer Camps for ages 7-17, in-person sports programs with Skyhawks Tennis, Cheerleading, Flag Football, Super Soccer Stars, Amazing Athletes, Summer Family Camp Out at NARA, ThinkForFun programs, Wicked Cool Vet School, CPR/AED, and online Zumba. We'll be adding fall programs as they come in.

Please visit [www.actonrec.com](http://www.actonrec.com) to register online or click [here](#) for a printable registration form. Forms and payment can either be mailed via USPS or placed in the Drop Box at the front of our 50 Audubon Drive Recreation Center. Checks are payable to Town of Acton. For assistance please call us at 978.929.6640 Ext. 0, or e-mail [recreation@actonma.gov](mailto:recreation@actonma.gov).

### **BUS TRIPS HAVE RETURNED**

Registration is open now open for the following day trips: [Cape Cod Canal's 107th Anniversary](#), Sat., Aug. 7, [Lake Winnipesaukee Cruise](#), Sat., Sept. 11, [Green Mountain Railroad](#), Sat., Oct. 9, and our annual [Holiday NYC Bus Trip](#), Sat., Dec. 4. Click [here](#) for the mail-in registration form or enroll online at [actonrec.com](http://actonrec.com).



### **ACCESSIBLE BICYCLES AT NARA PARK**

The Town of Acton was awarded a generous grant to purchase a fleet of 4 accessible bicycles. Please call (978) 929-6437 or stop-in person at the Bathhouse to reserve trike(s). Photo ID is required and will be held until trike(s) are returned. There is no fee for Acton residents. A \$5 per trike fee for non-Residents. Bikes are restricted to be used only on the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail.

### **NARA BEACH IS NOW OPEN THROUGH AUGUST 27**

NARA Beach memberships are available throughout the season. The Family Membership allows up to six people per visit. Other options include Individual, Adult Couple and Senior. Senior membership rate is age 60+. Daily rates available. Click [here](#) to for a registration form and/or more information. **Daily Rates Acton Residents:** Single (ages 2+): \$6, Family (up to 6): \$24, Seniors (ages 65+): \$3, Group rates (reserved ahead of time): \$4 per person. No pets are permitted on the beach. Beach hours are 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM.



### **HELP WANTED: LIFEGUARDS/WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTORS**

Perform lifesaving, first aid duties and ensures safety and comfort of beach patrons at all times. This position is 20-30 hours per week, including weekends from May 29 through August 27. Required: Lifeguard Certification Click [here](#) to apply or if you have questions please e-mail [recreation@actonma.gov](mailto:recreation@actonma.gov).

### **NARA SUMMER CAMP**



*Registration is now open for your choice of 10 different theme weeks, M-F, starting the week of June 21 through August 23.*

We recommend registering soon as sessions are filling quickly. NARA Camp provides recreational opportunities for children through arts and crafts, swimming, sports, theater & music, nature, and more. NARA Camp follows all state COVID-19 guidelines to provide a fun and safe summer for campers and staff. Click [here](#) to registration online or [here](#) for mail-in/drop-off registration forms and/or more details.

## RECREATION DIVISION CONTINUED

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021 - UPDATED MAY 24, 2021

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location	Fee
Friday	July 23	8-10:30 PM	Yellow Brick Road-Elton Tribute	NARA	\$15/\$20
Wednesday	July 28	6:30-8:00 PM	Pizza and Puppets	NARA	\$15 per family (pizza not included--buy from vendor)
Friday	July 30	8:00-10:30 PM	Dirty Deeds - AC/DC Tribute	NARA	\$15/\$20
Friday	August 6	8:00-10:30	The Breakers - Tom Petty Tribute	NARA	\$15/\$20
Wednesday	August 11	7-10 PM	Movie Night in the Park	NARA	Free admission
Friday	August 13	8:00-10:30 PM	Terrapin - Grateful Dead Tribute	NARA	\$15/\$20
Wednesday	August 18	7-10 PM	Movie Night in the Park	NARA	Free admission
Saturday	August 21	8-10:30 PM	Into the Floyd w/ laser light show	NARA	\$15/\$20
Sunday	August 22	12-3 PM	Beach Party Featuring the Scooby Snax Band	NARA	Free admission
Friday	August 27	5PM-9AM	Summer Family Campout	NARA	Sliding fee
Saturday	August 28	8-10:30 PM	Foreigners Journey	NARA	\$15/\$20
Friday	September 17	8-10:30 PM	Broken Arrow <i>Kids MusicFest featuring Ben Rudnick &amp; Friends, Karen K. and the Jitterbugs, Steve Elci &amp; Friends</i>	NARA	\$15/20
Sunday	Septemmhabber 26	12-4 PM		NARA	\$10 all ages over 2
Friday	October 22	6:30-8:30 PM	Monsterbash	NARA	\$5 admission all ages
Sunday	October 24	12-1:30 PM	Howl-o-ween Pooch Parade	NARA	Entry Fee
Friday	November 12	7-8:30 PM	Birds of Prey	Rec Ctr	\$5 students, \$10 adult
Saturday	December 4	4-6 PM	Very Merry Hollyday Celebration	NARA	Free admission



### FEATURED PROGRAMS

#### **SUPER SOCCER STARS (IN-PERSON)**

Register now for July and/or August sessions for ages 2-7. Super Soccer Stars goal is to teach soccer skills in a fun, non-competitive, educational environment. Their philosophy is to use soccer to build self-confidence and develop teamwork in every class. Our specially designed curriculum uses positive reinforcement and a low child-to-coach ratio to ensure that each child improves at his or her own pace while having fun! All equipment is supplied. **Pre-registration is required at [actonrec.com](http://actonrec.com).**



#### **WICKED COOL VET SCHOOL (ONLINE)** **MON-FRI, JULY 26 - JULY 30, 10:00-12:15 P.M.**

Do you dream of becoming a veterinarian? Grab your lab coat, animal lovers, as we learn about our favorite furry, flying and fishy friends! Make amazing animal models, build big bones and investigate animal intestines from our favorite vertebrates: birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and fish. Dissect an owl pellet to discover a predator's diet. Also, try your hand

catching some invertebrates as we study insect exoskeletons and look at animal cells and parasites. **Pre-registration is required by Monday, July 12 at [actonrec.com](http://actonrec.com).**

**We have many other offerings this summer for all ages and new fall classes are being added soon!**

# SENIOR CENTER/COUNCIL ON AGING

The Acton Senior Center/Council on Aging has added outdoor classes to our existing slate of virtual and drive-through programming. COA staff can be reached by telephone at (978) 929-6652 and e-mail [seniorcenter@actonma.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@actonma.gov). [Like us on Facebook, @actoncoa](#), to keep up with the latest COA news!

**JAVA WITH JOHN:** Town Manager John Mangiaratti's weekly show "Java with John" Fridays at 10:00 AM. is a terrific way to keep up with what is going on in town (Acton Radio WAEM 94.9 FM and [www.youtube.com/actonTV1](http://www.youtube.com/actonTV1) ).



## DRIVE-THROUGH LUNCH SPECIAL- MONDAY, JUNE 21 12:00-12:30 PM:

This month there is a drive-through lunch sponsored by the Friends of the Acton COA and Open Table meals distributed by request, including the Healthy Helpings heart-healthy program. Minuteman Senior Services offers weekday carry-out meals as well as Meals on Wheels delivery.

**OUTDOOR FITNESS ACTIVITIES:** Outdoor fitness classes take place in the parking lot under a tent and include NouVonne fitness, chair exercise, Active Aging, yoga, and Senior Fitness classes. A variety of exercise and movement classes taught by COA instructors are still available through ActonTV's cable and YouTube channels [www.youtube.com/actonTV1](http://www.youtube.com/actonTV1). ***Starting June 14, outdoor fitness classes will be moving indoors.***

## SPECIAL EVENTS

- **ELVIS TRIBUTE PERFORMANCE:** Wednesday, June 9 at 3:30 PM. (rain date: June 16, same time)
- **SHREDDING DAY:** Monday, June 7 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM.

**PRESENTATIONS TAKING PLACE VIA ZOOM THIS MONTH:** Beautiful Countries to Visit, Greatest Love Songs, Electoral Crisis of 1820s, artist Caravaggio, and Planning for Medicare.

**GROUPS/CLASSES MEETING VIA ZOOM:** Computer Club, book group, drawing class, chess lessons, Laugh for Your Health, Talk and Tea social group, and watercolor class.

Acton seniors are welcome to use the personal computers in the building, and please call us to let us know if you are interested in using the gym when it reopens.

For seniors and their family members who want 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.

The COA also offers appointments with a SHINE counselor to discuss Medicare insurance options.

**For program details, see our newsletter at [www.actoncoa.com](http://www.actoncoa.com)**



Photos: Happy 90s Birthday Drive-Through Celebration and Outdoor Exercise Class at the COA

## SENIOR CENTER/COUNCIL ON AGING - CONTINUED

After 15 long months the COA is happy to announce that **BEGINNING THE WEEK OF JUNE 14TH** we will slowly begin offering programs inside the Senior Center. We will be following the guidelines from the CDC, State and our local Board of Health which state:

  
**WE'RE BACK.**

### If you've been fully vaccinated:

- You can resume activities that you did prior to the pandemic.
- You can resume activities without wearing a mask or staying 6 feet apart, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance.

### For those not fully vaccinated the order advises the following:

- Wear a face covering that covers your nose and mouth
- Stay at least 6' apart from others that don't live with you.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces
- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Get tested if you have been exposed to or have symptoms associated with COVID-19

The COA requests that if you are not feeling well, you stay home. As before, we require everyone to sign in when they enter the Senior Center. If you need a new MySenior Center tag please let us know. We look forward to seeing you soon!

## WEST ACTON CITIZENS LIBRARY

**WACL is now open for both browsing and curbside pickup during all open hours:** Tuesday through Thursday: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Friday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Due to limited capacity inside the building, you may need to wait outside for a few minutes. Please plan on limiting your visit to 30 minutes. For curbside pick-up, search our catalog then call the library at 978-929-6654 or email [WACL@actonma.gov](mailto:WACL@actonma.gov) with your book wish list and we will make arrangements for a contact-free curbside pick-up. The drop box is open for returns. All returns will be quarantined for 24 hours before being available for check out again.

## TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING CENTER

### New Hours - Beginning Tue. June 1, 2021

The Acton Transfer Station & Recycling Center hours starting June 1: Tuesday through Saturday 7AM–3PM, closed Sunday and Monday. No senior hours have been designated. For more information or questions, please contact the DPW/Highway Division during business hours (7AM – 3:30PM) at (978) 929-7740 or e-mail [highway@actonma.gov](mailto:highway@actonma.gov).

Transfer Station and Recycling Center stickers may now be purchased online. You can purchase Transfer Station Sticker for the following: first household, senior (65+), recycling only, and Non-resident stickers. Second Transfer Station stickers and replacements are not currently available for purchase online. For questions, please call the Transfer Station at (978) 929-7741. For online bill payment, click [here](#).



# Birds in Your Backyard

Monday, June 21 at 1:00PM

Via Zoom—Pre-registration is required

[https://actonma.zoom.us/webinar/register/](https://actonma.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_s-gm8tF9Qxyj_Tx9fvE47w)  
[WN\\_s-gm8tF9Qxyj\\_Tx9fvE47w](https://actonma.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_s-gm8tF9Qxyj_Tx9fvE47w)

A wide variety of birds may visit backyards in the Greater Boston area. What makes a good backyard habitat? How do you attract those beautiful birds? Who is coming and who is going this time of year? Learn more about our local birds, as well as occasional visitors, and what brings them to our neighborhoods. Experience the sights and sounds of some of our most beautiful neighbors!

**Presenter: Joy Marzolf - The Joys of Nature**

*Joy has been offering a variety of animal-related education programs for over 20 years. She has worked with a wide range of animals including marine mammals in rehab/rescue programs in Massachusetts, and a wide variety of captive and non-releasable rescued animals in Oregon. She has worked with reptiles in the wild, and in captivity, for over 20 years. Most recently, she was a Naturalist and Educator at Mass Audubon's Broadmoor Wildlife Sanctuary. Joy offers programs to a wide range of ages from pre-school to seniors.*

# Beautiful Butterflies

Monday, July 19 at 1:00PM

Via Zoom—Pre-registration is required

[https://actonma.zoom.us/webinar/register/](https://actonma.zoom.us/webinar/register/7Lbay9e7T7SQCP172TKBfQ)  
[7Lbay9e7T7SQCP172TKBfQ](https://actonma.zoom.us/webinar/register/7Lbay9e7T7SQCP172TKBfQ)

From the large Eastern tiger swallowtail and colorful monarch to the tiny spring azure, there is a huge range of size, color, and patterns in local butterfly species. What makes a good butterfly habitat? How do you attract more of these beautiful herbivorous animals? Find out more about our local butterflies and what brings them to our neighborhoods. Experience the sights of some of our most beautiful seasonal creatures!

**Presenter: Joy Marzolf - The Joys of Nature**

For more information on Birds in Your Backyard or Beautiful Butterflies, please contact Sheryl Ball at the Acton Health Division at [sball@actonma.gov](mailto:sball@actonma.gov) or call (978) 929-6453.

Funding for CHNA15 is provided from Lahey Hospital and Medical Center and Winchester Hospital through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Determination of Need (DON) process.

## THIS MONTH IN SUSTAINABILITY

### ActOn CLIMATE

We have officially kicked off the Climate Action Plan (CAP) process! Did you miss the presentation at the Select Board Meeting on May 3rd? We presented the scope of work we've developed in partnership with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC). Check out the recording here: <https://bit.ly/3cdzaAD>

If you would like to receive regular updates about the CAP process, please contact the Sustainability Director, Andrea Becerra at [abecerra@actonma.gov](mailto:abecerra@actonma.gov).



### ActOn GREEN ENERGY

Curious about Acton Power Choice GREEN? It's the quickest and easiest way for Acton households and businesses to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions significantly (and support renewable energy in the region)! The program provides 100% renewably sourced electricity from the Northeast. To learn more check out this short presentation brought to you by Green Acton and the Town of Acton (with support from ActonTV). Ready to opt up? Visit [ActonPowerChoice.com](http://ActonPowerChoice.com).



### POLYSTERENE COLLECTION DAY

**SATURDAY• JUNE 5**

**10AM - 1PM**

**Acton Transfer Station &  
Recycling Center**

**14 Forest Rd, Acton, MA**



Bring your  
clean polystyrene



We can't accept  
polystyrene food  
containers

**RAIN DAY:  
SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 10AM - 1PM**

Questions? Contact the Sustainability Director at [abecerra@actonma.gov](mailto:abecerra@actonma.gov)

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

### CHILDCARE SUBSIDY FOR INCOME-ELIGIBLE LOCAL FAMILIES

The Towns of Acton, Boxborough, Littleton, Maynard and Westford have been awarded funds from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development through a regional CARES ACT Community Development Block Grant Program to provide COVID-specific relief to local communities.

Childcare Subsidies are available for low to moderate-income families in all five towns. Participating families will receive \$3,000 for children preschool aged or younger and \$2,000 for children in Kindergarten to age 13 towards their daycare or after school costs so that parents and guardians may work, go to school or seek employment. Funds will be allocated to income qualified families on a first come, first serve basis by each Town using the income limits below with a maximum award during the grant year not to exceed \$5,000 per child. Please contact Community Services Coordinator, Laura Ducharme by phone (978-929-6651) or e-mail [lducharme@actonma.gov](mailto:lducharme@actonma.gov) for more information on this program.

Household Size	Income Limits (Residents of Acton, Boxborough, Littleton, and Maynard)	Income Limits (Residents of Westford)
2	\$77,000	\$62,800
3	\$86,650	\$70,650
4	\$96,250	\$78,500
5	\$103,950	\$84,800
6	\$111,650	\$91,100
7	\$119,350	\$97,350
8	\$127,050	\$103,650

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **COVID-19 VACCINE ACTON HOMEBOUND PROGRAM**

Any individual who has trouble getting to a vaccine site is eligible for the Homebound Program. Individuals can call (978) 929-6453.

#### **SHARPS AND MEDICATION DISPOSAL**

- You may dispose of “sharps” which include: needles, syringes, lancets, and other injection devices that are used to penetrate the skin for the delivery of medications. There is a Sharps collection container located at the Public Safety Facility (PSF), 371 Main Street, Acton (978) 929-7711, between the two entrance doors in the protected, covered area.
- CVS located at 400 Mass Ave, Acton, (978) 263-3385, will accept unwanted prescriptions and over-the-counter medications for disposal. Recommend the unwanted prescriptions/medications be placed in a baggie with coffee grinds or kitty litter so fluids do not leak, etc. while being transported and disposed at CVS.

## GENERAL INFORMATION CONTINUED

### GOT (NUISANCE) ANIMALS?

Concerned about a wild or problematic animal, please contact the following:

- **Beavers:** Natural Resources Division – (978) 929-6634, [nr@actonma.gov](mailto:nr@actonma.gov)
- **Beavers, Emergency Beaver Trapping Permit:** Health Division – (978) 929-6632, [health@actonma.gov](mailto:health@actonma.gov)
- **Dogs:** Police Department (non-emergency) who will contact the Dog Officer: (978) 929-7711
- **Other Animals (raccoons, etc.):** Police Department (non-emergency), who might also contact the Department of Environmental Police: (978) 929-7711

## ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Acton Memorial Library is pleased to announce that we will be resuming in-person library services seven days a week beginning Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Curbside service will cease and the library will be open to the public Monday through Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 2 to 5 p.m.

Both the first and second floors will be open for browsing, and there will be limited seating and public computer access during those times. Patrons will also be able to check out items, pick-up holds, obtain new and replacement library cards, access the library photocopiers, and have access to the expertise of the reference and children's librarians.

### VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

All programs require registration at [ActonMemorialLibrary.org/Calendar](http://ActonMemorialLibrary.org/Calendar)

Tuesdays at 10 am Lapsit Storytime on Zoom. Best for Ages 0-3 and their caregivers.

Thursdays at 10 am Preschool Storytime on Zoom. Best for ages 3-7 and their caregivers.

### ACCESS THE LIBRARY FROM HOME!

AML has a lot of great digital content including e-books, audiobooks, video, music, and databases. You can use your library card number and password to access these resources. If you do not have a library card, or have lost your number or password please contact us

Phone: 978-929-6543 Email: [reference@actonma.gov](mailto:reference@actonma.gov)

Stay up-to-date with announcements and library info by following us on [Facebook](#) (@ActonMemorialLibrary), [Instagram](#) (@ActonLibrary) and [Twitter](#) (@ActonMemLibrary), or by visiting [www.actonmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.actonmemoriallibrary.org)

# DIRECTORY OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS

## ACTON TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE - (978) 929-6600

Department	Phone Number	E-Mail
Acton Nursing Services	978-929-6650	<a href="mailto:nursing@actonma.gov">nursing@actonma.gov</a>
Assessors	978-929-6621	<a href="mailto:assessor@actonma.gov">assessor@actonma.gov</a>
Building Division	978-929-6633	<a href="mailto:building@actonma.gov">building@actonma.gov</a>
Cemetery Division	978-929-6642	<a href="mailto:cemetery@actonma.gov">cemetery@actonma.gov</a>
Citizens' Library	978-929-6654	<a href="mailto:wacl@actonma.gov">wacl@actonma.gov</a>
Collector/Treasurer	978-929-6622	<a href="mailto:collector@actonma.gov">collector@actonma.gov</a>
Community Resources	978-929-6651	<a href="mailto:lducharme@actonma.gov">lducharme@actonma.gov</a>
Council on Aging	978-929-6652	<a href="mailto:seniorcenter@actonma.gov">seniorcenter@actonma.gov</a>
Engineering Department	978-929-6630	<a href="mailto:engineering@actonma.gov">engineering@actonma.gov</a>
Fire Department	978-929-7722	<a href="mailto:fire@actonma.gov">fire@actonma.gov</a>
Health Division	978-929-6632	<a href="mailto:health@actonma.gov">health@actonma.gov</a>
Highway Department Transfer Station	978-929-7740 978-929-7742	<a href="mailto:highway@actonma.gov">highway@actonma.gov</a>
Human Resources	978-929-6613	<a href="mailto:hr@actonma.gov">hr@actonma.gov</a>
Information Technology	978-929-6612	<a href="mailto:it@actonma.gov">it@actonma.gov</a>
Memorial Library	978-929-6655	Visit: <a href="http://actonmemoriallibrary.org">actonmemoriallibrary.org</a>
Municipal Properties	978-929-7744	<a href="mailto:mpo@actonma.gov">mpo@actonma.gov</a>
Natural Resources Division	978-929-6634	<a href="mailto:NR@actonma.gov">NR@actonma.gov</a>
Planning Division	978-929-6631	<a href="mailto:planning@actonma.gov">planning@actonma.gov</a>
Police Department	978-929-7711	<a href="mailto:police@actonma.gov">police@actonma.gov</a>
Public Facilities	978-929-7744	<a href="mailto:mpo@actonma.gov">mpo@actonma.gov</a>
Public Works	978-929-7740	<a href="mailto:highway@actonma.gov">highway@actonma.gov</a>
Recreation Department	978-929-6640	<a href="mailto:recreation@actonma.gov">recreation@actonma.gov</a>
Town Clerk	978-929-6620	<a href="mailto:clerk@actonma.gov">clerk@actonma.gov</a>
Town Manager	978-929-6611	<a href="mailto:manager@actonma.gov">manager@actonma.gov</a>
Veterans' Services	978-929-6614	<a href="mailto:vso@actonma.gov">vso@actonma.gov</a>
Water District	978-263-9107	Visit: <a href="http://www.actonwater.com">www.actonwater.com</a>