



# TOWN OF ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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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, May 29

### ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - 8 PM  
Friday & Saturday: 9 AM - 5 PM  
Sunday: 2 PM - 5 PM  
Closed: Monday, May 29

Do you have photos taken in Acton? Submit them to [photos@actonma.gov](mailto:photos@actonma.gov) and we'll feature them in future publications.

### TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Thank you to everyone that attended the 2023 Annual Town Meeting that started on May 1st. We had 556 voters the first night and 383 the second night. The meeting concluded in the early morning hour of May 3rd as the last article was taken up after midnight. A video of the meeting is available on ActonTV and the results of Town Meeting can be found by visiting [www.actonma.gov/townmeeting](http://www.actonma.gov/townmeeting).

I was pleased to be able to present the Joseph A. Lalli Merit Awards to two dedicated employees during the second night of Annual Town Meeting. Acton Memorial Library Office Manager Mary Katis was selected as the Municipal Employee of the Year. Katis was honored for providing leadership and support during several transitions in the library administration over the last year. Acton Fire Department Firefighter Paramedic Josh Ramos was selected as the Public Safety Employee of the Year. Firefighter Ramos was off-duty when he noticed a fire at a senior housing complex in Maynard, and voluntarily entered the building to help ensure all residents were evacuating. Congratulations to Mary and Josh (pictured on right) and thank you both for your dedicated service!



On April 26th the Select Board celebrated the recipients of the Colonel Francis Faulkner Sr. Award for Exemplary Volunteer Service at a reception at the Acton Memorial Library. Each year, each Board member nominates one individual to be commended and recognized for their volunteer service to the community. The 2023 awardees are Stephen Trimble, Peter J. Berry, Madeline Cruz, Catherine Usoff, and Andy Magee. A picture from the event is shown below. Congratulations and thank you for your service.

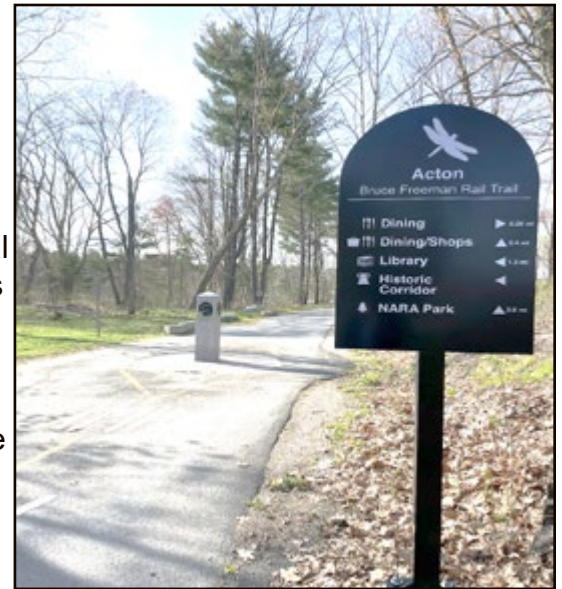




## TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE CONTINUED

On April 28th we held an Arbor day celebration at the Goward Playground behind the Acton Memorial Library. We had a great turnout at the Arbor Day event with DPW and other town departments. There was story time, tree sapling giveaway and a new sugar maple tree that was planted near the playground.

Have you seen the new signs on the rail trail? Come explore the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail and the great businesses on Great Road! The Town took part in the State's Local Rapid Recovery Plan Program in 2021 focusing on the Great Road Corridor, which identified implementation of a Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Wayfinding program as a top priority project. The goal of this project is to connect riders to the many local businesses on Great Road that runs parallel to the trail and encourage exploration of Acton's cultural assets. The Town applied and was awarded a grant from the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism for design, fabrication and installation in 2022. We are happy to announce the signs are now installed!



We continue to have staffing transitions in Town Hall. In April we welcomed our new Building Commissioner Ed Mullen and said good bye to Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Austin Cyganiewicz. Austin made a big impact in this community over the last three years and we wish him the best in his new role as Town Administrator for the Town of Rutland.

If you have any comments or questions about anything in town please do not hesitate to reach out to our office at [manager@actonma.gov](mailto:manager@actonma.gov)

Sincerely,  
John S. Mangiaratti  
Town Manager



Photo: Arbor Day at the Goward Playground





# Bring Clean Energy Home!

## *Make a Plan with FREE Coaching*



## Welcome to Acton's Clean Energy Coaching program!

The Town of Acton and Abode Energy Management offer free coaching (with trained community volunteers) for residents and building owners to learn about, plan for, and initiate actions such as adoption of home/building weatherization, efficient electric heat pump technologies, electric vehicles, solar, and/or other adaptations for our clean energy future.

**Why this program?** Evidence of the climate emergency is all around us. We are not to blame as individuals, but our choices matter, and our choices influence others. We advance energy efficiency and reduce our carbon impacts through the transition to electricity to power our homes/buildings and transportation. There are climate, comfort, and other long-term benefits of acting now in the face of the changing climate. The goal of the program is to help guide Actonians along an accessible path to a healthy and sustainable future, starting now.

### Three of the many advantages of developing a clean energy plan for your home:

- **Incentive programs exist** for these energy upgrades; better incentives are anticipated in 2023.
- **Property values can increase** with improved weatherization, on-site solar, and cold-climate electric heat pumps. Some energy improvements can provide a buffer against the price volatility of fossil fuels.
- **Indoor air quality improves**, reducing the negative health impacts of fossil fuel use, in particular on elders and children.



Request a coach to start on your path to a clean energy future: [ActonEnergyCoach.com](https://ActonEnergyCoach.com)

For info on clean energy/climate actions: [EnergizeActon.org](https://EnergizeActon.org)





## TOWN OF ACTON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT LIBRARIAN | ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Town of Acton is seeking candidates for the Community Engagement Librarian. This is a professional full-time, benefitted, 40-hour work week position with significant responsibilities for library programs and services; including outreach to different community groups, and knowledge of current trends in libraries and library technology. They will report to Acton Memorial Library and report to the Head of Information Services.

**General Duties and Responsibilities:** This position is responsible for library programs for adults and young adults (ages 13-18) which includes designing, implementing, and evaluating of such programs. Manages library publicity; which includes creating content for social media, posters, flyers, routine press releases, brochures, handouts for library programs, and more. This position will perform outreach to the community of Acton, seek out public speaking opportunities to engage with the community and collaborate with other Town departments and community/area organizations. Coordinates staff off-site outreach activities such as Farmers Market, Employee Day, Health Fair, etc. Teach technology classes, explain library policies and procedures to the public, and fill in regularly at the library service desks as needed. Contribute to collection development projects and act as a member of the library's various committees; including the programming committee and attend monthly meetings. Perform any other tasks and similar duties require similar levels of skills and responsibility as needed per requests from the library administration.

**Minimum Entrance Requirements:** ALA-Accredited Master's degree in Library Science plus the equivalent of a two (2) years of full-time experience in a fully automated public library. Library program and publicity experience; experience working with and troubleshooting common library technologies; experience working with diverse populations; demonstrated knowledge of current trends in library technology; excellent organization and interpersonal skills.

**Preferred Qualifications:** Additional relevant library experience, and fluency in a language in addition to English.

**Special Requirements:** Work schedule includes one (1) night a week and one (1) Saturday every three (3) weeks; possible occasional Sunday's at time and a half.

**Pay Rate:** OI -8; Starting at \$28.31 - \$31.86/hour; \$58,895.12 - \$66,286.98/annually

**Benefits:** \$425 fitness club reimbursement program (if enrolled in Town Health Insurance plan), and free transportation from the commuter rail station to Acton Memorial Library. Health, Dental, Vision, and Pet insurance are just some of our competitive insurance benefits.

**Deadline:** First consideration being given to applications received by May 12th, 2023

#### FOR ALL JOB APPLICANTS:

**Submit application, resume, and cover letter to Human Resources (e-mail [jobs@actonma.gov](mailto:jobs@actonma.gov)). Acton is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**  
**Applications available on HR page of the Town website: [javascript:; www.actonma.gov](http://www.actonma.gov)**

## LOCAL BUILDING INSPECTOR | BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Town of Acton is seeking a full time Local Building Inspector reporting to the Building Commissioner in the Building Department. Acton is a vibrant community with approximately 1400 building permits issued per year.

**General Duties and Responsibilities:** Prepares daily work schedule, conducts and logs various activities, assists at the service counter, communicates with citizens and contractors, schedules appointments both internally and externally, and prepares letters. Reviews plans on all approved permitted projects. Communicates laws, technical requirements, ordinances of the appropriate model codes from builders, contractors, subcontractors, individual homeowners, design professionals. Inspects places for compliance with statutes. Issues stop work orders on projects and coordinates work with other departments and Town staff. Responds to emergencies and may represent the Building Commissioner at public meetings or in office in his absence. Performs other duties as required.

**Minimum Entrance Requirements:** Valid Drivers License. High School diploma or equivalency. Minimum of five (5) years' experience in supervision of building construction or design or at least a two (2) year associates degree in field related to building construction or design or any combination of education and experience. Must be qualified by the MA BBRS per 780 CMR ch110.R7.

**Preferred Qualifications:** Proven interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills; ability to effectively interact and communicate with individuals of diverse backgrounds. Ability to operate office equipment as demonstrated by previous work experience. Basic knowledge of principles of government regulation and the ability to read, interpret, apply, and communicate Town charter, to perform the essential duties of this position..

**Special Requirements:** Physical activities include frequently lifting, pushing, pulling, and carrying objects weighing up to 50 pounds with or without assistance. Work is performed outdoors, exposed to adverse weather conditions.

**Pay Rate:** H14, \$36.2459 - \$47.2927/hr.; \$75,391.42 - \$98,368.92/annually.

**Deadline:** First consideration being given to applications received by May 12th, 2023

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# SAFER HOMES, SAFER COMMUNITY

## Community Gun Buyback

Saturday, May 6, 2023 - 9am-12pm  
Saint Matthew's United Methodist Church  
435 Central Street, Acton, MA 01720

You'll receive a gift card for each unwanted firearm you turn in  
and help reduce the risk of suicide, accidental discharge,  
and domestic violence.

*Bring firearms unloaded with the safety engaged in a bag, box, or case.  
Leave the unloaded firearms inside the trunk of your vehicle upon arrival.  
The Middlesex Sheriffs Office and Massachusetts State Police will safely  
destroy all guns. For further information please visit  
[www.middlesexsheriff.org](http://www.middlesexsheriff.org).*

**NO I.D. REQUIRED  
NO QUESTIONS ASKED**



[bit.ly/ABcares](https://bit.ly/ABcares) | [ABcarescoalition@gmail.com](mailto:ABcarescoalition@gmail.com)

AB CARES IS A COMMUNITY BASED COLLABORATIVE EFFORT THAT SEEKS TO PREVENT  
SUICIDE ACROSS THE LIFE SPAN AND SUPPORT ALL WHO ARE IMPACTED BY SUICIDE.

**In accordance with state law, individuals planning to turn in firearms  
as part of the buyback should notify the Acton Police Department at  
978.929.7711 / [police@actonma.gov](mailto:police@actonma.gov) in advance.**

**Individuals turning in firearms at the date, time, and location arranged  
for the buyback will not be asked for identification.**



## ACTON EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Community Services Office is available to answer any questions and help with completing the application. The application can be found [here](#). For more information, contact the Community Services Office at 978-929-6651, or [lducharme@actonma.gov](mailto:lducharme@actonma.gov)

1. This program provides Acton households with short-term financial assistance for emergency needs using grant funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The Community Services Office is available to answer any questions and help with completing the application
2. This program is intended to provide emergency assistance for rent, mortgage, utilities(electric, natural gas, oil or propane) and childcare.
3. Childcare grants can be used at any Department of Early Education and Care (DEEC) licensed programs, NARA summer camp, Boys and Girls Club of Assabet Valley and Acton Boxborough Community Education.
4. The program will provide a grant of up to a total of \$1,000 in a twelve-month period.
5. Where this program has a rolling timeframe, assistance will be awarded on a first come first served basis. However, the Town reserves the right to alter that basis for exigent circumstances.
6. Once approved, the funds will be paid directly to the vendor (e.g., landlord, utility company etc.) and not the applicant.

For more information, contact the Community Services Office at 978-929-6651or [lducharme@actonma.gov](mailto:lducharme@actonma.gov)

### INCOME REQUIREMENTS

If your present gross household income falls within the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) income eligibility guidelines for low- and moderate-income households (see the following income eligibility chart), you may qualify for a grant. Those with incomes above ARPA limits will not qualify for funding under this program. Additional income documentation and proof of residency in Acton must will be needed with application.

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Maximum Income Limit	61,110	69,810	78,520	87,230	94,250	106,740	120,360

## NEED HELP WITH WATER COSTS?

### LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP)

**THIS PROGRAM CAN HELP ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS WITH WATER AND SEWER BILLS**

**APPLICATIONS DUE BY MAY 12!**

This program will serve income eligible customers who are directly billed for their service(s) and whose service has been either terminated for non-payment, or who have an arrearage, and have been approved for fuel assistance.



The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) helps eligible households pay water and sewer bills to restore or maintain access to drinking water and wastewater services and is funded through two federal appropriations.

You become eligible for LIHWAP after being approved for Fuel Assistance (LIHEAP). You do not need to complete a separate application.

To learn more about the fuel and assistance program please contact the Community Services Office at (978) 929-6651 or the Council on Aging at (978) 929-6652.

#### WATER ASSISTANCE INCOME ELIGIBILITY

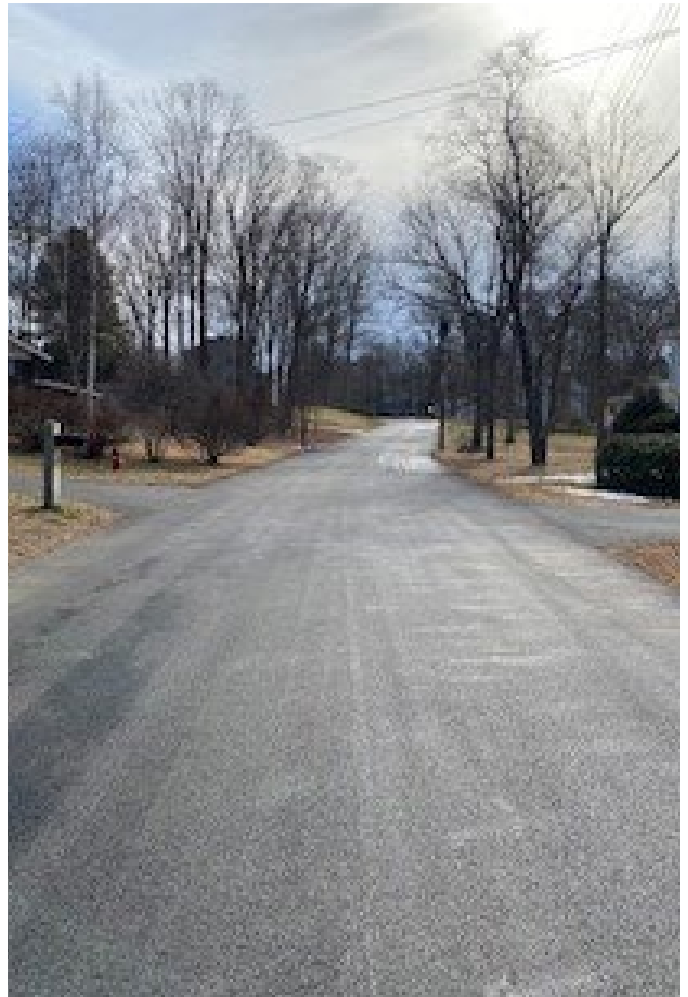
Household Size	Gross Annual Income	4 Week Gross Income (if paid once per month)	4 Week Gross Income (if paid weekly or bi-weekly)
1	\$42,411	\$3,534	\$3,262
2	\$55,461	\$4,621	\$4,266
3	\$68,511	\$5,709	\$5,270
4	\$81,561	\$6,796	\$6,273
5	\$94,610	\$7,884	\$7,277
6	\$107,660	\$8,971	\$8,281
7	\$110,107	\$9,175	\$8,469
8	\$112,554	\$9,379	\$8,658



### SPRING PAVING

The following roads are slated to be paved this spring:

- Carlisle Rd.
- Northbriar Rd.
- Sawmill Rd.
- Milldam Rd.
- Kate Dr.
- Badger Circle
- Till Dr.
- Ashley Circle
- Evergreen Rd.
- Balsam Dr.
- Larch Rd.
- Hickory Hill Rd.
- Trask Rd.
- Heal Rd.
- Birch Ridge Rd. (Paper Road between Houses 19 & 21)



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.

### SWAP SHOP

The Swap Shop is located at the Transfer Station & Recycling Facility and **OPENS WED, MAY 10!** Volunteers are always needed! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Debby Andell at [debbyandell@gmail.com](mailto:debbyandell@gmail.com).

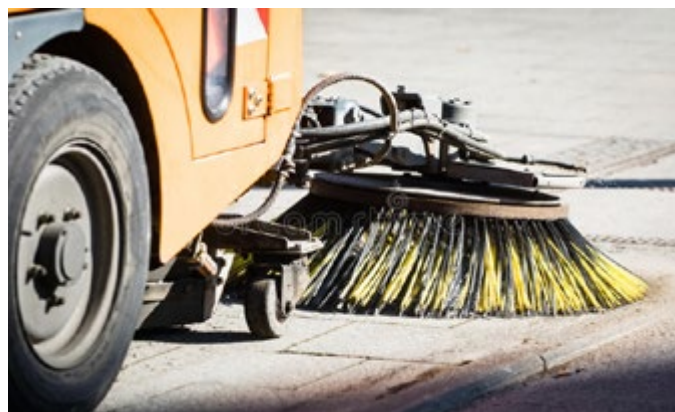
The Swap Shop allows users at the facility to give away or adopt gently used items.

## 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.



## MAILBOXES

The DPW asks that homeowners please check that your mailboxes and posts are secure and in good condition prior to the snow season. When installing a mailbox choose a suitable location. If you are unsure, check with the postal carrier. 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.





# Acton Sign Guide

A Pictorial Summary of Section 7 of  
The Town of Acton's Zoning Bylaw



**Are you a local business looking to install a sign?**

We are here to help. Click [here](#) to take a look at the newly released Sign Handbook to see the available options in Acton.



**Want to know if you could build on your property and where? Wondering what all the Kelley's Corner construction is for? Stop by Planning Office Hours and have your questions answered by a member of the Planning Staff on Tuesdays from 2-4PM.**



# 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  
[www.actonrec.com](http://www.actonrec.com)

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

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To Register for Acton Youth Police Academy:

Click [here](#) for Acton Citizens Police Academy

Click [here](#) for Youth Police Academy

Please contact  
Lt. Doug Sturniolo by  
e-mail if you need more  
information: [dsturniolo@actonma.gov](mailto:dsturniolo@actonma.gov)

## TRAFFIC ALERT

### RIVER STREET FROM SCHOOL ST. TO CHADWICK ST. TO BECOME A ONE-WAY STREET, RIVER STREET ONE WAY

Starting May 1, 2023, River Street from School St. to Chadwick St. will become a One-Way Street.

Cars will no longer be allowed to travel from Chadwick St. towards School St. The Select Board approved this amendment to the existing Traffic Rules and Orders in June 2022.

Also starting May 1, the DPW crew will begin installing temporary physical barriers for pedestrians and cyclists along this section of River Street to provide a protected space for walking and biking.

In order to get to School Street, residents will have to use Chadwick Street.

If you have any questions, please contact the Engineering Division at (978) 929-6630 or email at [engineering@actonma.gov](mailto:engineering@actonma.gov).





## RECREATION DIVISION

The Recreation Department is gearing up for a fabulous spring and summer season ahead! A lot of bees are buzzing around our office busy working on spring and summer programs, camp and beach, fields and facilities, concerts and special events.

Tax Time! We are asked frequently in regards to filing taxes / flexible spending, our EIN number: 046-001-062. If you need a receipt, please contact our office - we are happy to assist.

Get ready for summer with Super Soccer Stars, Wednesday Walkers and more! Please bookmark and check back regularly for updates on offerings at [actonrec.com](http://actonrec.com).

NARA Summer Camp held at NARA Park and Camp Hill Top held at the Rec. Center, 50 Audubon Drive is now accepting registrations for all sessions. Easy online registration is available. Camp is broken down into 10 session weeks with a Bonus Session starting Tuesday, June 20 and Session 9 concluding Friday, Aug. 25. **NARA Summer Camp is for children in grades Kindergarten through Grade 8** (and a CIT program for youth in grades 9-10). **Camp Hill Top is for children in pre-K through Grade 3**. --grades are based on school year as of the Fall, 2023. There is no camp program: 6/19 and 7/4. Don't delay -- some weeks are already full!

Online registration for NARA Summer Camp or Camp Hill Top can be found by clicking [here](http://actonrec.com).

## CAMP HILL TOP SESSIONS 1-3 HIGHLIGHTS



## NARA CAMP SESSIONS 1-3 HIGHLIGHTS





Highlighting some of our new program offerings. You can register online at [actonrec.com](https://actonrec.com).

### WEDNESDAYS WALK & TALK!

Returning!  
Wed, May 10 - June 21  
9:15-10:15 AM  
NARA Park  
Class meets at Sports Complex  
75 Quarry Road  
(no program June 7)  
Fee: \$25



Register at:  
**ACTONREC.COM**

### CRAFTY CARDS & COFFEE



REGISTER: **ACTONREC.COM**

- Session 1: May 11 & 18, 10:30-11:30 AM
- Session 2: June 8 & 15, 10:30-11:30 AM

NARA Park Upper Sports Plaza  
75 Quarry Road, Acton  
Fee: \$18 per session  
Includes all materials



### CRYSTAL ART FOR KIDS GRADES 4-8



NARA Park Sports Plaza, 75 Quarry Road

Session 1: Wed, May 31, 1 - 3 PM  
Session 2: Wed, June 14, 1 - 3 PM  
Fee Per Session: \$22 - includes all materials

Register: **actonrec.com**

ACTON RECREATION DEPT.

### WOMENS PICK-UP SOCCER

COME PLAY SOME  
RECREATIONAL SOCCER!  
IT'S A GREAT WAY TO HAVE  
FUN AFTER WORK, MEET NEW  
PEOPLE AND KEEP IN SHAPE.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY  
FOR AGES 16+

WITH MELISSA SETTIPANI-RUFO

**CONCORD RD. FIELD**  
6:00-7:00 PM  
MAY 1 - SEPT 25  
EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS  
FEE: \$40



 **ACTONREC.COM**

## FIELDS AND FACILITIES

If you are looking to rent a picnic area or Town field, first complete the Fields and Facilities Application (inquiry) which can be found on the Recreation Department page at [actonma.gov](https://actonma.gov). On the left side bar click on Fields and Facilities, submit your form as soon as possible. Dates are filling up quickly.

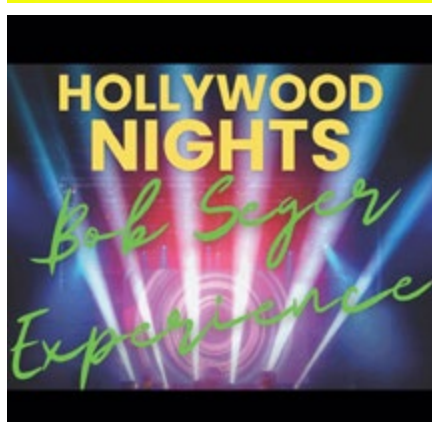
Please send your completed form via e-mail to [recreation@actonma.gov](mailto:recreation@actonma.gov) and allow for three business days to process. We look forward to seeing you this summer at the Park!





## SUMMER OF EVENTS AT NARA PARK AS OF 4/24/23

DAY/DATE	TIME	EVENT	FEE
FRI, JUNE 9	8PM	<u>HEARTLESS</u> - TRIBUTE TO HEART & LED ZEPPELIN	\$20 / \$25
FRI, JUNE 16	8 PM	<u>ACTON PRIDE COMMITTEE</u> - DRAG SHOW	\$10 / \$15
SAT, JUNE 17	NOON	ACTON PRIDE COMMITTEE - PRIDE FESTIVAL	FREE
FRI, JULY 21	8 PM	<u>YELLOW BRICK ROAD</u> - TRIBUTE TO ELTON JOHN	\$20 / \$25
FRI, JULY 28	8 PM	<u>THE BREAKERS</u> - TRIBUTE TO TOM PETTY	\$20 / \$25
FRI, AUG 4	6 PM	<u>THE LITTLE MERMEN</u> - ULTIMATE DISNEY TRIBUTE	\$10 / \$15
FRI, AUG 11	8 PM	<u>HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS</u> - THE BOB SEGER EXPERIENCE	\$20 / \$25
WED, AUG 23	6:30 PM	KIDS CONCERT NIGHT FEATURING MR. VIC	FREE
FRI, AUG 25	8 PM	<u>TUSK</u> - THE ULTIMATE FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE	\$20 / \$25



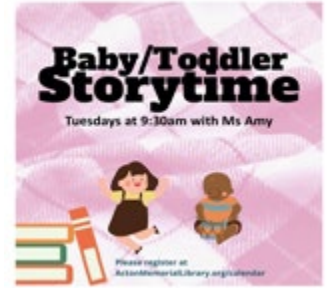
Click the box on the right to view a great video highlighting all the fabulous entertainment coming this summer!



2023 Acton Summer Concert Series Preview

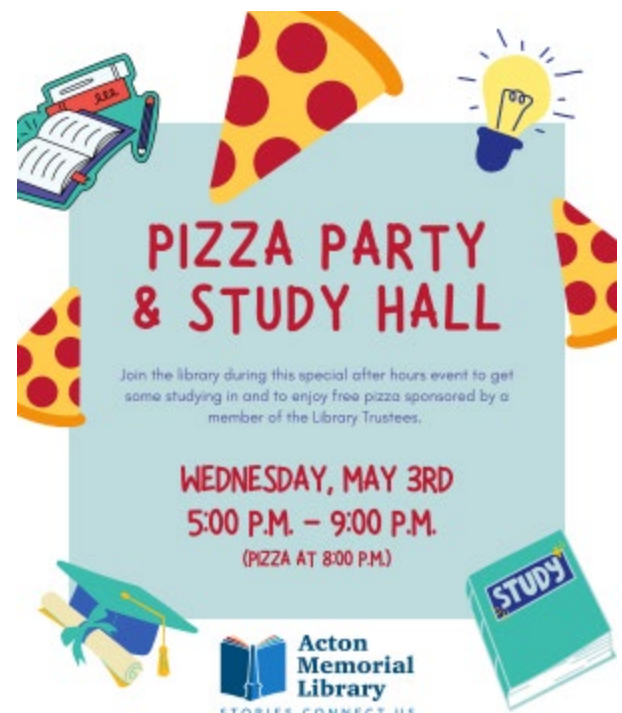
## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- **Baby/Toddler Storytime at the Library:** Tuesdays, 9:30 - 10 AM
- **Singalong Storytime with Mr. Robert:** Wednesdays, 10 - 10:30 AM
- **Preschool Storytime at the Library:** Thursdays, 10 - 10:30 AM
- **Children's Crafting at the Library:** Thursdays, 4 - 4:30 PM
- **Read to a Dog:** Tuesday: May 2 & May 16, 4:30 - 5:30 PM
- **Club 678: Jewelry Workshop with Paper Beads:** Tuesday, May 2, 4:30 - 6:30 PM
- **Early Release - May the 4th Craft:** Wednesday, May 3, 2 - 3:30 PM
- **Hero Kids Role-Playing Game:** Saturday, May 13, 10 - 11 AM
- **Club 678: Food Workshop - Make Candy Sushi:** Tuesday, May 23, 4:30 - 6:30 PM
- **D&D for 5th & 6th Grades:** Saturday, May 27, 10 - Noon



## TEEN PROGRAMS

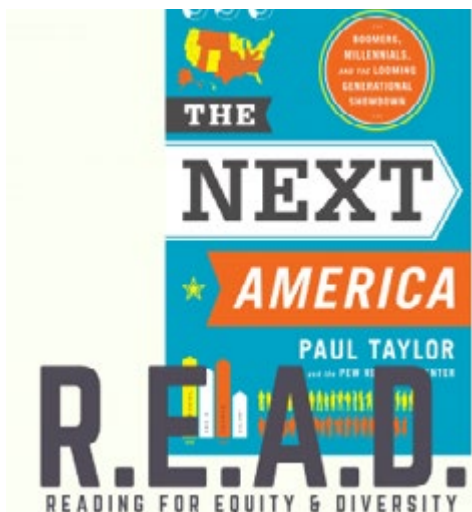
- **Pizza Party & Study Hall**  
Wednesday, May 3, 5 - 9 p.m.
- **D&D for Grades 7+**  
Saturday, May 6 & May 20, 10 - Noon





### ADULT PROGRAMS

- **Spring Floral Design Workshop:** Monday, May 1, 3:30 - 4:30 PM
- **Star Wars Virtual Escape Room:** Thursday, May 4, 5 - 9 PM
- **Breathe for Change:** Friday, May 5 & May 26, 10 - 11 AM
- **Yarn & Needle Club:** Tuesday, May 9 & May 23, 3 - 4 PM
- **D&D for Adults:** Wednesday, May 10 & May 24, 5 - 7:44 PM
- **Bake It 'Till You Make It:** Wednesday, May 10, 7 - 8:30 PM
- **The History of the Nashobah Praying Indians:** Doings, Sufferings, Tragedy, and Triumph by Daniel V. B., Thursday, May 11, 6 - 8:45 PM
- **Immigrant Songs: Music from New England Diasporas:** Saturday, May 13, 2 - 4 PM
- **Acton Memorial Library Book Discussion Group:** Tuesday, May 16, 6:45 - 8 PM
- **R.E.A.D. (Read for Equity and Diversity) Book Club:** Thursday, May 18, 7-9 PM
- **Review of Acton Area Archaeology by Kimberly Connors:** Wed, May 24, 6 - 9 PM



### WEST ACTON CITIZEN'S LIBRARY PROGRAMS

- **Spring Open House:** Saturday, May 13, 11AM - 3 PM
- **Morning Mysteries Book Club:** Wednesday, May 17, 10 - 11 AM
- **Walk & Tech:** Wednesday, May 31, 10:30- 11:30 AM



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](mailto: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](http://www.actoncoa.com) where you can get the most up-to-date information and view our newsletter. Follow us on [Facebook @actoncoa](https://www.facebook.com/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.

### MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH!

The Council on Aging is hosting our annual luncheon for those age 90 and older, Thursday, May 25, at noon, sponsored by Bridges by EPOCH of Westford and Sudbury.



### MAY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS (SEE OUR NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS):

- **Protect Yourself from Medicare Fraud:** Tuesday, May 2, 1 PM
- **Book Discussion Group (now in-person):** Tuesday, May 9, 10 AM, book "The Island of Missing Trees" by Elif Shafak
- **Politics with Principles/Historic Portrayal of First Female Cabinet Secretary Frances Perkin:** Tuesday, May 9, 1 PM
- **Laugh for Your Health (returning to in-person):** Thursday, May 11 at 11 AM
- **Beachwalk Medallions Art Class:** Thursday, May 11, 11 AM
- **Dancing Joy Interactive Performance with Dance Caliente:** Tuesday, May 16, 1 PM
- **All Things Books with Zoey from Acton Memorial Library:** Wednesday, May 16, 11 AM
- **Wool Needle Felting Art Class:** Wednesday, May 17, 1 PM
- **Beeyonder Virtual Tour of the Great Pyramids (by Camell!):** Zoom from home or Senior Center, Thursday, May 18, 10 AM
- **Shredding Truck:** Thursday, May 18, 12:30-2:30 PM
- **In recognition of National Honor LGBT Elder Day,** we are showing the documentary Gen Silent that tells the stories of Boston area seniors who identify as lesbian, gay, and transgender, who now face fear of discrimination in health care and long-term care settings, Tues, May 16, 5:30 PM
- **CarFit Event,** Monday, May 22, 9-11:40 AM by appointment, the Council on Aging, Acton Nursing, and Acton Police Department are offering check-ups on how well you and your vehicle "fit" together.
- **Ask the Lawyer, Appointments with Attorney Cathleen Summers:** Tuesday, May 23, 1-3 PM



- **Student Classical Music Performance:** Tuesday, May 23, 6 PM
- **Memory Lane Café:** for those with memory impairment and their care partners, Tues, April 25, Noon
- **Puccini's Tosca Opera Series:** starting Wednesday, May 31, 2 PM
- **The Plays of Arthur Miller Seminar:** continues this month, Mondays, 11 AM
- **Chess Lessons** (are now in-person): ongoing, Thursdays at 1 PM
- **The Spring session of Words Galore:** through June 8 via Zoom, Thursdays, at 9 AM

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Exercise classes for all fitness levels
- Monthly LitLovers Group
- Gym with senior-friendly equipment
- Book group that meets via Zoom
- Drop-in groups including Hot Topics and Mah Jongg
- Play pool anytime we are open
- A Caregivers Support Group for those caring for an older adult meets via Zoom Tuesdays at 3 PM



FBI Agents discussed fraud and scams at the Senior Center.



Friends of the COA Social Hour was followed by a classical music performance.



90s Luncheon at the Senior Center is always a fun occasion.



## COUNCIL ON AGING

**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.

- **Lunch with Chef McGuire**, pulled pork, Tuesday, May 9 at noon, \$3
- **Benchmark at Robbins Brook lunch**, terriyaki chicken, Tues, May 16 at noon, \$3
- **Breakfast sponsored by the Acton Police Association** with French toast, eggs, fruit, sausage or bacon of Friday, May 19 at 9 AM. **Followed at 9:45 by Java with John**, an opportunity to hear and update from the Town Manager on what's happening in town and ask questions.
- **Pizza Dinner from Sweet Tomatoes**, subsidized by the Friends of the Acton Council on Aging, Tuesday, May 30, 5 PM, \$5
- **A new program starts this month ~ Made To Order Lunch Program!** Wednesdays from 11:30-1:30 PM beginning May 17. Initially people are asked to sign up with the COA to determine a headcount.

**ART EXHIBIT** this month features the art of Acton residents Jen Mabardy and Lara Maira who will have a reception on Tuesday, May 9, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

**NEWSLETTER:** You can sign up for a digital copy of the newsletter or other COA notifications at [www.actoncoa.com](http://www.actoncoa.com) and click on the link under "News" on the home page. To be added or removed from the paper newsletter mailing list, please contact us at 978-929-6652 or [seniorcenter@actonma.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@actonma.gov).



## CarFit Event

MONDAY, MAY 22

9:00-11:40 AM

ACTON HUMAN SERVICES/  
SENIOR CENTER

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

Focus is on safety, comfort, and mobility

It is not a driving test!



APPOINTMENT REQUIRED:

978-929-6652

This event is offered by the  
Acton Council on Aging,  
Acton Nursing Service, and  
Acton Police Department





Acton-Boxborough  
Cultural Council

**ABCC  
14TH ANNUAL  
OUR WORLD FILM SERIES  
PRESENTED BY THE ACTON-BOXBOROUGH CULTURAL COUNCIL**

## **The ABCC Our World Film Series for 2023**

iAll held in-person this year at the Sargent Memorial Library, 427 Massachusetts Avenue, Boxborough.

There will be three feature **foreign films** screened starting at 7 PM on:

- Friday May 5
- Friday May 12
- Friday May 19

Click [here](#) for film details.

The **ABCC Our World Short Film Program** will be held live on:

- April 28, 2023 at 7:00PM

at the Sargent Memorial Library and will be available on [Acton TV](#) local cable access (Channel 8 on Comcast and Channel 45 on Verizon cable systems) after the live program.

Click [here](#) for the listing of this year's short films.

All screenings are FREE and open to the public.

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Members of Town Boards and Committees are volunteers who enjoy spending a few hours (usually in the evening) with their fellow residents helping the Town of Acton run efficiently while remaining a pleasant place to live. There are currently more than 30 boards and committees dealing with a broad range of Town and regional interest.

For further information on a certain board or committee, follow [this link](#) to that board's page. Another excellent way to find out what a board or committee does is to attend its meetings. The meetings of all boards and committees are listed in the calendar on this website. It is recommended that you verify the meeting schedule before the meeting because sometimes they change.

Members of most of the Town boards and committees are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Town Manager and Town Moderator also appoint member to boards. To apply, please fill out the [Acton Volunteer Application](#) and deliver it to the Town Manager's Office located at Town Hall, 472 Main St.



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