



# 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, June 19

## ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

(Through June 17-

Summer Hours begin June 18)

Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - 8 PM  
Friday & Saturday: 9 AM - 5 PM  
Sunday: 2 PM - 5 PM  
Closed: Monday, June 19  
Closes at 1 PM on June 23

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 for your patience while we work to make several improvements throughout town. In addition to the Kelley's Corner Infrastructure project, we also have the Town Center reconstruction project which has been progressing nicely. Paving is planned in the center for the week of June 12th.



I hope you noticed that we have restarted the Gardner Field project in West Acton, to completely rehab and revitalize the park. It will include a universally designed playground, which considers physical accessibility and sensory, cognitive, and emotional abilities to create an environment that is welcoming to all members of the community.



*Here is a photo showing the construction of the mound which will be a prominent feature of the new playground.*

## TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE CONTINUED

Additionally, I wanted to share some exciting staffing updates:

On June 5, 2023, James Cogan was sworn in as Chief of Police of the Acton Police Department. Chief Cogan started with the Acton Police Department in 1984 as a Patrol Officer, where he was a first responder to calls for service in the community and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2012 serving as the Special Services Division Commander, and then Deputy Police Chief in 2017. He served as Deputy Chief until he took on the role of Interim Police Chief in December 2022. Cogan received his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration degrees from Western New England College. In 2016, Cogan graduated from the FBI National Academy. He has also attended



numerous professional trainings such as Domestic Violence Advocate training.

On May 22nd the Select Board approved the appointment of Joanne Norton to serve as our Town Accountant. Joanne has worked in our accounting office for ten years as Payroll Coordinator, Assistant Town Accountant, and Acting Town Accountant. Joanne holds a Bachelor's in Accounting from Northeastern University and has completed several courses in the Massachusetts Municipal Auditors and Accountants Education Program.



In May we also welcomed our new Building Commissioner Ed Mullen. Ed is a Massachusetts Certified Building Commissioner with extensive experience in the construction industry and experience in municipal service both as a commissioner and as a locally elected official. He most recently served as the Director of Land Use & Buildings/Building Commissioner for the town of Littleton.

Enjoy the beginning of summer!

Sincerely,  
John S. Mangiaratti  
Town Manager

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## GREEN ACTON FIXIT CLINIC

**ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 486 MAIN STREET, ACTON MA, 01720**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 17 FROM 10 AM - 1 PM**

Do you have a broken device you'd like to try fixing? Fixit Clinics are hands-on community based discovery workshops staffed by volunteer Fixit Coaches who share their time, tools and expertise to consult with you on taking apart, trouble-shooting and, we hope, repair of your items.

Bring your broken, non-functioning electronics, appliances, computers, toys, sewing machines, clothing and other fabric items, and small furniture for possible repair. We sharpen knives too! Fixit Coaches and helpful neighbors will be available for consultation on broken items with workspace, specialty tools, and guidance. Register [HERE](#). Coaches welcome to sign up [HERE](#).

# Who Says Ice Cream is Just for Kids?

JOIN OTHERS FROM THE COUNCIL ON AGING'S IN ACTON, BOXBOROUGH AND LITTLETON  
FOR SOME CONVERSATION AND A COMPLIMENTARY FROZEN TREAT!

Meet us at Kimball Farm

400 Littleton Road, Westford, MA 01886

on

TUES, JUNE 6, 2023

1:30 PM

Must be 60+

Please meet us at the silo near the cow.

RSVP Required: [sball@actonma.gov](mailto:sball@actonma.gov) or call 978.929.6453  
no later than Friday, June 2, 2023



Funding for CHNA IS 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 grant is administered by the Acton Health Division.



# **JOIN OTHERS FROM THE COUNCIL ON AGING'S IN ACTON, BOXBOROUGH & LITTLETON**

## **FOR CONVERSATION, COFFEE , PASTRY AND A STROLL AROUND NARA PARK**

### **NARA PARK IS LOCATED AT**

**25 LEDGEROCK WAY, ACTON, MA**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 16, 23 AND 30**

**FROM 10-11 AM**

**Open to those 55+ from all three towns!**

**RSVP Required- [sball@actonma.gov](mailto:sball@actonma.gov) or 978-929-6632**



Please meet us at the Upper Parking lot located off of 71 Quarry Road or park in the lower lot and walk up hill to upper fields. There is a patio near the two red buildings. For more information , please contact Sheryl Ball at [sball@actonma.gov](mailto:sball@actonma.gov) or at 978-929-6632

Funding for CHNA 15 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 grant is administered by the Acton Health Division



## **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY** **SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023** **DPW GARAGE LOCATED AT 14 FOREST ROAD** **9:00-11:30 AM**

- If possible, please only make ONE trip to Hazardous Waste Day. Upon entering the site, please drive slow and stay in your vehicle.
- Please read the below lists of what to and not to bring. Many materials can now be dropped off year-round at Town of Acton facilities.
- Transfer Station sticker or recycling only sticker required to drop the below materials at the Transfer Station.
- Recycling sticker is only \$15 annually (\$10 for seniors 65+)

For a list of items accepted at the Transfer Station, visit: <http://www.acton-ma.gov/documentcenter/view/350>

***These collection services are for Acton residents only and proof of residency will be required.***

### **WHAT TO BRING**

**Please bring household hazardous waste in sealed containers (use original containers when possible)**

- Oil paints, stains, thinners & strippers
- Solvents, varnishes
- Adhesives, glues, resins
- Waste fuels, contaminated waste oil
- Engine degreaser, brake Fluid
- Transmission fluid, antifreeze
- Insecticides, weed killers, pesticides
- Wood preservatives
- Hobby supplies, artist supplies
- Photo chemicals, chemistry sets
- Cleaners, spot removers
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Aerosol cans



### **WHAT CAN BE BROUGHT TO ACTON FACILITIES NOT TO HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY**

**Town Hall hours: M,W,Th 8-5 PM, Tu 8-7:30 PM, Fr 8-Noon**

- Fluorescent light bulbs (Transfer Station)
- Television's and CRT's (Transfer Station) -*There is a \$25 fee per unit.*
- Uncontaminated waste oil (Transfer Station)
- Lithium ion, Nickel-Cadmium, Lead acid batteries (Transfer Station or Town Hall)
- Car batteries (Transfer Station)
- Hearing Aid (Button Cell) batteries (Town Hall)
- Sharps, Hypodermic Needles (PSF, Acton Nursing or Transfer Station)
- Fire extinguishers (Transfer Station)

### **WHAT NOT TO BRING**

- Alkaline Batteries (dispose of in regular trash)
- Latex Paint (open, add hardener to expedite drying, throw away)
- Smoke Detectors (dispose of in trash)
- Asbestos (call a Licensed Asbestos Contractor)
- Compressed gas cylinders
- Ammunition, fireworks, explosives
- Commercial or industrial waste
- Infectious & biological waste
- Radioactive waste
- Oil filters (punch hole in dome, drain for 24 hours, save oil for recycling, put in trash after draining)

### **TO ENSURE SAFETY, PLEASE**

- During event, drive slow and follow cones to avoid an accident.
- Tighten caps and lids leaving materials in original containers.
- Pack containers in sturdy upright boxes and pad with newspaper.
- Sort and pack separately: paint, pesticides, household cleaners.
- Avoid spills and do not place in a garbage bag.
- Never mix chemicals, and never smoke while handling chemicals.
- Pack your vehicle and go directly to the site.



### **NEW THIS YEAR- FREE TIRE DISPOSAL**

**Have some old tires you need to dispose of? We have partnered with CMMCP to take your tires at this event!**



### TOWN OF ACTON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Town of Acton - Environmental Analyst Sustainability Office**

The Town of Acton is seeking applicants for our new full-time position of Environmental Analyst. You will be working in our Sustainability Office with our Director making a difference in the town's environmental and sustainable impacts for a greener future!

**General Duties and Responsibilities:** This position will manage the Town's environmental compliance data analysis and reporting to support stormwater and water management goals, research and refine data sources and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions modeling methodologies, and carry out other technical analyses related to energy use, transportation, nature-based solutions solid waste, and recycling. The analyst will work in the Sustainability Office and will assist the Sustainability Director and the Department of Public Works with administrative tasks, day-to-day operations, and data analysis to further progress the Town's sustainability goals.

**Minimum Entrance Requirements:** Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science, Energy, or Environmental Policy or other related field and course work in statistical analysis or five (5) years of increasingly responsible professional experience in environmental, sustainability, or municipal work or any equivalent combination of education, training, or experience.

**Pay Rate:** H-8; starting at \$27.04 to \$30.44/hour; \$56,258.28 to \$63,319.10/annually

**Benefits:** Hybrid work schedule is available, \$425 fitness club reimbursement program (if enrolled in Town health insurance plan), and free transportation from the commuter rail station to Town Hall. Health, dental, and vision insurance are just some of our competitive insurance benefits.

**Applications:** Submit 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 Town website: [www.actonma.gov](http://www.actonma.gov), Human Resources

**Deadline:** Applications must be received by June 9, 2023





**WHEN YOU'RE  
FERTILIZING YOUR  
LAWN, YOU MAY NOT  
BE JUST FERTILIZING  
YOUR LAWN**

**INCORPORATED - 1946  
ACTION**

**CLEAN WATER  
IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS**

<https://www.thinkbluemassachusetts.org/>

**You can help prevent  
stormwater pollution by:**

- 1 APPLYING THE MINIMUM  
AMOUNT OF FERTILIZER.**  
A little goes a long way.
- 2 AVOIDING APPLYING  
FERTILIZER BEFORE A BIG  
RAINSTORM.**  
Stormwater can carry too much  
fertilizer into the storm drains.
- 3 USING A SLOW-RELEASE  
FERTILIZER.**  
Nutrients are released more  
slowly, extending the time  
needed between applications.



### SWAP SHOP

The Swap Shop is located at the Transfer Station & Recycling Facility is now open!  
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.



## Earn More SNAP Dollars with the Healthy Incentives Program!

Spend your SNAP dollars on farm-fresh fruits and vegetables at participating Healthy Incentives Program (HIP) retailers and have the amount of your purchase instantly added back to your EBT card!



### Farmers Markets

Look for participating farmers at regularly scheduled markets in your town or nearby, selling fresh fruits and vegetables.



### Farm Stands

On-farm stores where you can buy fresh fruits and vegetables, right from the hands that picked them.



### Mobile Markets

Markets that bring farm-fresh produce right to your community.



### CSA Farm Shares

Membership-based service that provides your family with fresh fruits and vegetables every week.



Look at what you can earn each month! (based on household size)

**\$40** 1-2 PEOPLE | **\$60** 3-5 PEOPLE | **\$80** 6+ PEOPLE

## FIND A HIP LOCATION NEAR YOU

Visit [www.mass.gov/hip](http://www.mass.gov/hip) for a directory, call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333, or look for the HIP logo.

### How does HIP work?



**1**

You are already enrolled! Use your SNAP dollars to buy farm-fresh fruits and vegetables at a HIP retailer.



**2**

An equal amount of money, up to your monthly limit, is instantly added back to your EBT card.



**3**

Your receipt will show the amount of additional SNAP dollars you've earned.



**4**

Spend your earned benefits anywhere that accepts SNAP.

Supported by USDA FNI and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



## ANNOUNCING FREEBEE 2023

**May 20 - Oct 21**  
**10:30 AM - 12 PM**  
**30 Middle Road, Boxborough**



Held on the lawn of UCCB, across from Town Hall - look for the FreeBee flag!

Full Markets: May 20, Sep 9, Oct 21

Produce, Bread, Meat, Crafts, Plant, Books,  
 Info  
 Food events, every Saturday

**ALL WELCOME! ALL FREE!**

Want to receive e-mail updates, or volunteer? We'd love for you to join us. Connect with us via this short form by clicking [here](#).

## ABOUT FREEBEE

We're so proud of how our Market - and the Network that makes it happen - continues to evolve and grow over time. Certainly, we have been 'nimble', and are still adapting to what we learn that the community needs and wants us to become.

But our primary goals are consistently to promote connections between neighbors, services, organizations, resources, and even local businesses.

We have started by sharing food to prevent waste, to fight food insecurity, and to promote local consumption - for all. As we grow, we have expanded into the sharing of plants, books, and also art/craft supplies.

Our hope is to fill a need while not 'reinventing the wheel', nor overlapping with existing organizations. Rather, we want to complement and amplify the impact of the many phenomenal groups who are already making our lives better - together.

Bee connected!

Want to get e-mail updates?  
 Register for our mailing list by clicking [here](#).





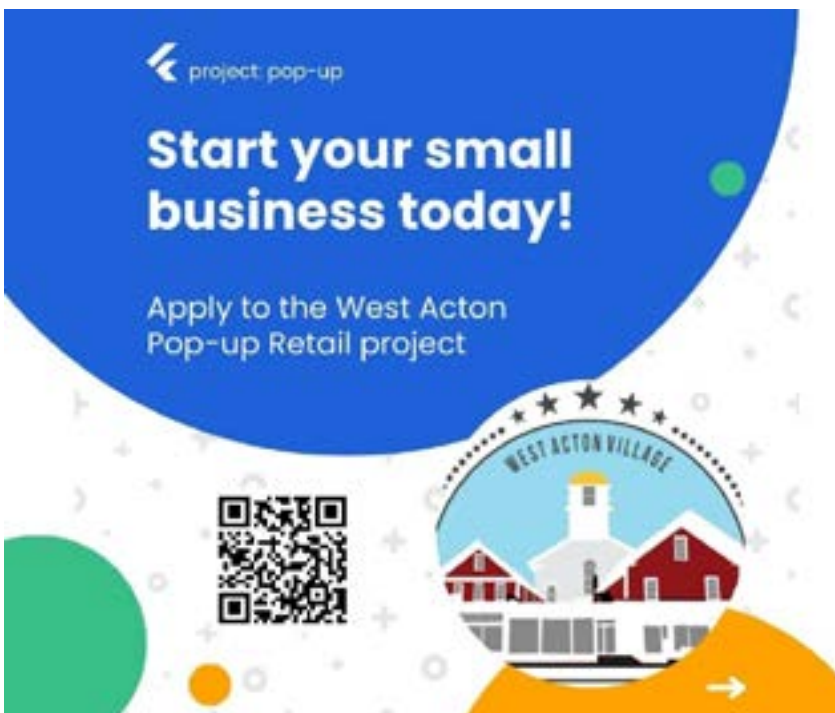
Great Road Acton West Project Public Forum hosted by Town of Acton & GPI. VISION for a SAFER, pedestrian, cycling & business friendly corridor. Great Road Acton Complete Streets Open House was held on May 23 at Town Hall. Thank you Corey York, Acton Public Works Director, town staff & local residents & businesses for being part of the Great Road improvement process! Learn more by clicking [here](#).



Corey York, Acton Public Works Director



Public Participation



### NEW POP-UP RETAIL SPACE IN WEST ACTON!

All Emerging Brands and Entrepreneurs are encouraged to apply to be part of our temporary retail space!

Pop Up at a subsidized rate & gain access to resources for your retail success!

**APPLY TODAY**  
[click here!](#)

### IN ACTON IT'S ALL ABOUT RECREATION!

Thank you to the many Town of Acton business Summer Event & Concert Sponsors & Supporters! Learn more and become a Sponsor! Contact us by [clicking here](#).

Preview Acton Rec Summer Concert Series on Acton TV by clicking on image to the right!



Maura Haberman, Event & Program Coordinator, announces 2023 Summer Concert Series on ActonTV.org!



# 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.



# PLANNING OFFICE HOURS

**OUR LOCATION IS**  
472 Main St, Acton,  
MA 01720

**OFFICE HOURS ARE**  
Every Tuesday  
2:00 pm-4:00 pm

Although you are welcome to call or visit during normal operating hours, we will be dedicating Tuesdays from 2-4PM to assure a planner is available to assist you with your questions.

Are you curious about the Town's plans for the future?

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 2-4 PM.

**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  
[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)

## Parks, Recreation, & Community Education



LPD Officer  
Ilyas Abu

# RAD

Ages 13+



APD Detective  
Luke Penney

## Self Defense For Women



To register apply through:  
[recreation@actonma.gov](mailto:recreation@actonma.gov)

Additional questions please  
contact Det. Penney:  
[lpennney@actonma.gov](mailto:lpennney@actonma.gov) or  
978-929-7533



Acton Memorial Library



RAD Women's basic self-defense course is a 12-hour program for women ages 13 and older. The course includes lecture, discussion and self-defense techniques suitable for women of all abilities. The final class includes a simulation where students are able to demonstrate all of the physical defense skills they have learned.

Wednesday's: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
August 9th @ Acton Town Library  
August 16th @ Acton High School Gym  
August 23rd @ Acton High School Gym  
August 30th @ Acton High School Gym

**FREE**

## REGISTER FOR RAD

Visit [actonrec.com](http://actonrec.com) to sign up.

Complete the forms found [here](#) and bring them with you to the first class.

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND SPACE IS LIMITED.**



# 2023 NARA PARK EVENTS

Day	Date	Start	End	Performer	Tickets
Fri	June 9	8:00 PM	10:30 PM	Heartless – NE Premier Tribute to Heart	\$20 / \$25*
Fri	June 16	8:00 PM	10:00 PM	Acton Pride: Drag Show Night	\$10 / \$15*
Sat	June 17	Noon	3:00 PM	Acton Pride Festival	Free
Sat	June 25	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	A Night of Chinese Music and Dance	Free
Fri	July 21	8:00 PM	10:30 PM	Yellow Brick Road – A Tribute to Elton John	\$20 / \$25*
Fri	July 28	8:00 PM	10:30 PM	The Breakers - The Country's Premier Tribute to Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers	\$20 / \$25*
Fri	Aug 4	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	The Little Mermen - NYC's Ultimate Tribute Disney Tribute	\$10 / \$15*
Fri	Aug 11	8:00 PM	10:30 PM	Hollywood Nights – The Bob Seger Experience	\$20 / \$25*
Wed	Aug 23	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Kids Concert Night featuring Mr. Vic	Free
Fri	Aug 25	8:00 PM	10:30 PM	Tusk-The World's #1 Tribute to Fleetwood Mac	\$20 / \$25*
Fri	Oct 20	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Monsterbash	\$5

\*Children 10 and under are free with paid adult. Tickets available at [actonrec.com](http://actonrec.com) (via EventBrite). In-person tickets available at the gate one hour prior to start time. Lower ticket cost reflected above are pre-purchased priced tickets prior to the day of the show. All seating is general admission. Lawn seating-bring your own chairs/blankets. No tents permitted. Food and beverages available for purchase. No outside alcohol permitted, smoking or vaping. Dogs must be leashed and under owners control at all times.

## Gold



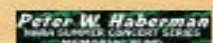
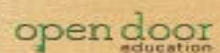
## Silver



## Bronze



## Sponsor



### BEGINNING JUNE 18, ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY'S

### SUMMER HOURS WILL BE IN EFFECT.

**MONDAY - THURSDAY: 9 AM – 8 PM**

**FRIDAY: 9 AM – 5 PM**

**SATURDAY: 9 AM – 1 PM**

**SUNDAY: CLOSED**

### UPCOMING CLOSURES

**MONDAY, JUNE 19**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23 – CLOSING AT 1 PM**



### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- **Baby/Toddler Storytime** at the Library, Tuesdays, 9:30 – 10 AM
- **Sing-along 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, June 6 & June 20, 4:30 - 5:30 PM
- **Book Club for Grades 4/5** with Miss Elise, Tuesday, June 6, 6:45 - 7:45 PM
- **Hero Kids** Role-Playing Game, Saturday, June 10, 10 - 11:15 AM
- **Book Club Grades 2/3** with Miss Elise, Tuesday, June 13, 5:30 - 6:30 PM
- **Early Release: Chess Club**, Wednesday, June 14, 2 - 3:30 PM
- **First Day to Register for Summer Reading**, Tuesday, June 20, 10 AM – 8 PM
- **Summer STEAM Workshop**, Wednesday, June 21 & June 28, 1:30 – 3 PM
- **Pre-K to 1st Grade Crafting**, Friday, June 23 & 30, 10 – 11 AM
- **Sensory Storytime**, Friday, June 23, 11:30 - 12 PM
- **Club 678: Create a Collage Self-Portrait**, Tuesday, June 27, 4 – 6 PM
- **Toe Jam Puppet Band**, Friday, June 30, 3 - 3:45 PM

### TEEN PROGRAMS

- **D&D for Grades 7+**, Saturday, June 3 & June 17, 10 AM – 12 PM
- **Summer Celebration: Teen Pizza Party**, Thursday, June 8, 6 – 8 PM
- **Author Visit: Mary Sullivan**, Monday, June 12, 6 – 7 PM



## ADULT PROGRAMS

- **Summer Concert Series:** Scott Ouellette in Concert, Saturday, June 3, 2. – 3 PM
- **Yarn and Needle Club,** Tuesday, June 6 & June 20, 3 – 4 PM
- **Club 678: Fold and Make!** Tuesday, June 6, 4 - 5:45 PM
- **Breathe for Change,** Friday, June 9 & June 23, 10 – 11 AM
- **Cocoa Beantown:** Chocolate and the Environment, Saturday, June 10, 3 – 4 PM
- **Prison Book Program,** Wednesday, June 14, 6 – 7 PM
- **Fix It Clinic,** Saturday, June 17, 10 AM – 1 PM
- **Acton Memorial Library Book Discussion Group,** Tuesday, June 20, 6:45 – 8 PM
- **Drop-In Tech Help,** Thursday, June 22, 5 - 7:45 PM
- **Walter English & the Brister English Project,** Thursday, June 22, 7 - 7:30 PM
- **Stories Connect Us: Kick Off Party,** Monday, June 26, 6- 7:45 PM
- **I Hiked Acton's Trails Book Club,** Friday, June 30, 1 – 3 PM



### BIOBLITZ

Please join us as we document and celebrate biodiversity in Acton and Boxborough, which together host over 2,000 acres of conservation areas! From cattail marshes and ponds to fields and forests, these habitats thrive with snapping turtles, frogs, insects, birds, and mammals galore.

Another 3,000 acres of private lands provide habitat for wildlife, including what's two steps outside your door! What kind of wildlife lives here? Let's find out June 1-15.



**How to participate?** Download the “iNaturalist” app on your smartphone and click on our “Nature of Acton and Boxborough 2023” project. Or visit <https://bit.ly/43oBmxn>



### GREEN YOUR HOME WITH THE HELP OF A COACH!

Are you interested in installing solar panels on your rooftop, but don't know where to start? Curious about the costs of replacing your fossil fuel heating system with a cold-climate heat pump? Do you need help making the switch to an electric vehicle?

A volunteer Clean Energy Coach can help you answers to your clean energy questions and support your efforts to reduce your carbon emissions and live more sustainably. Request a coaching session by visiting [abode.energy/acton](https://abode.energy/acton).

**Questions?** Reach out to the Sustainability Office at [sustainability@actonma.gov](mailto:sustainability@actonma.gov).

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.

**JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH:** Check out the Senior Center bulletin board this month in honor of Pride Month and our new notebook filled with resources for those in the LGBTQ+ community and allies.



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

- **History lecture on Silk Roads:** The First Global Network, Thursday, June 8, 1 PM
- **Book Discussion,** Tuesday, June 13, 10 AM, book is The Thread Collectors by Shaunna Edwards and Alyson Richman
- **Real Estate Seminar on The Cost of Moving** with Heather Murphy, Tuesday, June 13, 10 AM
- **Recognizing Spam Emails,** Tuesday, June 13, at 1 PM
- **Office Hours with Realtor® Heather Murphy,** Wednesday, June 14, by appointment
- **All Things Books with Zoey** from Acton Memorial Library, Wednesday, June 14, 11 AM
- **Life Discussion Group** with Older Adult Peer Specialist Tracy Woods, Thursdays beginning June 15, at 11 AM
- **Empowering Your to Thrive at Home** presentation with Deaconess Abundant Life Services, Tuesday, June 20, 1 PM
- **Beeyonder Virtual Tour of Stratford Upon Avon,** Zoom from home or Senior Center, Wednesday, June 21, 10:30 AM
- **Wool Needle Felting Art Class,** Wednesday, June 21, 1 PM
- **Learn about a trip to Ireland** scheduled for 2024 with Collette Travel, Wednesday, June 21, 1 PM
- **The Roots of Gospel Music** presentation in celebration of Juneteenth, Thursday, June 22, 1 PM
- **Memory Lane Café** for those with memory impairment and their care partners, Tuesday, June 27, Noon
- **Law Presentation on Trusts and Long-Term Care Planning** with elder law attorney Christine Boutin, Tuesday, June 27, 1 PM, made possible by the Massachusetts Bar Association Elder Law Education Program



**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.**

- **Breakfast** with French toast, eggs, fruit, sausage or bacon on Friday, June 16 at 9 AM, \$3; followed at 9:45 by Java with John, an opportunity to hear an update from the Town Manager on what's happening in town and ask questions
- **Benchmark at Robbins Brook lunch**, fish and chips, Tuesday, June 20, noon, \$3
- **Strawberry Shortcake** served by the Acton Woman's Club, Tuesday, June 20, 6 PM
- **Lasagna dinner from Fihlo's Restaurant**, subsidized by the Friends of the Acton Council on Aging, Tuesday, June 27, 5 PM, \$5
- **Experience our new made-to-order lunch cafe!** Wednesdays from 11:30 AM -1:30 PM; initially people are asked to sign up to determine a head-count

**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](http://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](mailto:seniorcenter@actonma.gov).



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

## Acton Nature Guide



The *Acton Nature Guide* with Map of Acton Conservation Lands and pictures of local wildlife includes:

- Birds
- Butterflies
- Insects
- Wildflowers
- Pond Life
- Mammals
- Trees
- Invasive Plants

**\$10**



Sponsored by the Town of Acton Natural Resources Department with support from AB PIP STEM at [actonpip.org](http://actonpip.org)

Available at Pedal Power on Route 2A in Acton, the Silver Unicorn Bookstore in West Acton Center, and Kitchen Outfitters in Acton Woods Plaza

## ACTON NATURE GUIDE

Spending more time outdoors this season? Newly updated Acton Nature Guides, created by the Town of Acton Natural Resources with support from AB PIP STEM & the AB Schools, are available. The Guides contain pictures of local wildlife, birds, butterflies, wildflowers, trees, plants & more plus invasive species & map of Acton conservation areas. Available locally for \$10 from Kitchen Outfitters, Pedal Power & Silver Unicorn Bookstore.

Special thanks to Tom Tidman (former Acton Conservation Director) and Bettina Abe All proceeds support AB PIP STEM. Learn more at [actonpip.org](http://actonpip.org).



**We Serve**

## Acton Lion's Town Fair



**Date:** June 22-25

Thursday & Friday: 6-10pm

Saturday: 12 -11 pm

Sunday: 12-6pm

**Location:** School St Fields, Acton, off of Rte 2 East (Acton/Concord line)

- This is a favorite local Acton area family event since the 1970's
- This is the Lion's largest fundraiser, a significant amount of the funds collected is donated to the [Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund](#), to help fund eye-related research.
- Other funds raised during the fair and throughout the year goes to about 25 local charities.

Follow on: [www.actonlions.org](http://www.actonlions.org)

The Acton Lions provide support to eye care research & many local charitable organizations & community efforts  
Interested in membership please contact a member or: [acton\\_lions@hotmail.com](mailto:acton_lions@hotmail.com)



Please take a few minutes to help the AB Cultural Council set grant funding priorities for the next three years by [clicking here](#).

The ABCC Supports many events and activities in Acton. Grants recipients include a large number of organizations including the Town of Acton, Acton-Boxborough Schools and much more!

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### SUMMER SOLSTICE BIKE RIDE 2023

**Tuesday, June 20 from 6:00-8:00 PM\***

**Pedal Power Bike & Ski  
176 Great Road (Rt. 2A), Acton**

If the Pedal Power parking lot is full, parking is available across Great Road.  
Stay for pizza afterwards!

**Contact: [tmichelman@gmail.com](mailto:tmichelman@gmail.com) info at [www.brucefreemantrail.org](http://www.brucefreemantrail.org)**





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