



TOWN OF ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS

MUNICIPAL MONTHLY

JUNE 2025

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TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Acton Designated as a Climate Leader



Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll; Town Manager John Mangiaratti; Environmental Analyst Lauren West; Sustainability Director Andrea Becerra with her son Adrian; Select Board member David Martin; and DOER Commissioner Elizabeth Mahony.

In early May, I was honored to attend a ceremony hosted by the Healey-Driscoll Administration that announced Acton and other communities as the first Climate Leader communities in the Commonwealth. This designation is a reflection of the countless hours dedicated by Town leaders and staff, board members and community volunteers in addressing climate change and securing a healthier environment. This designation is another step towards achieving net-zero emissions by 2030 as directed by the town's Climate Emergency Declaration passed at Town Meeting in 2020.

Annual Town Meeting Recap

On May 5th and 6th, residents attended the two day Annual Town Meeting. During the sessions, voters held lively discussions on the DPW Building Project next steps, annual operating budgets, proposed Community Preservation Act projects, a number of citizen petitions, proposed capital improvement projects, gas leaf blower bylaw proposal, and zoning bylaws aimed at protecting open space, and providing accessible, affordable housing for all. I am grateful for the continued engagement and guidance from Town Meeting attendees, volunteers serving on the numerous boards and committees, Select Board members, and the dedicated Town and School professionals who support the Annual Town Meeting each year. To learn more about the results of the 2025 Annual Town Meeting, please visit www.ActonMA.gov/TownMeeting.

TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE

978.929.6600

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday-Thursday: 8AM-5PM

Friday: 8AM-2:30PM

Closed Juneteenth: June 19th

TOWN HALL & HUMAN SERVICES HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday: 8AM-5PM

Tuesday: 8AM-7:30PM

Wednesday: 8AM-5PM

Thursday: 8AM-5PM

Friday: 8AM-12PM

Saturday-Sunday: Closed

Closed Juneteenth: June 19

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY and WEST ACTON CITIZENS LIBRARY

Hours of Operation are listed in this bulletin.

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news, agendas and meeting postings
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message.**

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Annual Employee Recognition and Awards

During May, we celebrated a number of Town employees for their contributions and impacts in the community. On May 6th, I was proud to present Detective Doug Mahoney and Marty Abbott, Assessing Analyst, with the 2025 Joseph A. Lalli Merit award for their outstanding contributions, dedication and impacts in the community.

As part of the Town's effort to highlight staff for their dedicated service to the residents of Acton, we hosted the annual STAR awards on May 14th where we recognize employees for their service. Awards were given out to staff members who have served Acton for 10, 20, and 30 years. I am thankful to the awardees and their continued dedication and contributions in helping make Acton a welcoming and thriving community.



Marty Abbott, John Mangiaratti, and Doug Mahoney take a selfie at night two of Annual Town Meeting, which has become a yearly tradition!



L to R: Heather Murray; David Sukerman; Kim Gorman; Justin Flynn; Karen Switzer-Neff; Kathleen Flannery; Mary Lou Repucci; Select Board members Jim Snyder-Grant, Dean Charter, Alissa Nicol; Town Manager John Mangiaratti

Detective Doug Mahoney with Town Manager John Mangiaratti

Col. Francis Faulkner Sr. Exemplary Volunteers of the Year

The Select Board honored five residents as Col. Francis Faulkner Sr. Exemplary Volunteers of the year. The honorees this year are Peter Darlow, Pat Clifford, Michaela Moran, John Watlington, and Sahana Purohit. They are in the photo below with the Select Board members.



Memorial Day Parade

It was nice to see such a large crowd gathered for the annual Memorial Day parade and event. Below are photos of the Select Board members, the ABRHS Band in the parade and members of the Fire Department that were in attendance in the Town Center.



Public Art Mural Unveiling

As you travel west on Route 111 through West Acton, a new public art mural featuring George Wright and highlighting the town's evolving identity will greet you on the side of Acton Pharmacy. Created by local artist Elizabeth Bejar-Benz, the mural features successful Acton businessman George Wright who founded a successful coffee roasting business in Boston. Mr. Wright would ride the train into Boston daily, leaving from the former West Acton stop. Today riders of the same commuter rail will see this wonderful mural as they pass through Weston Acton. This newest addition to the West Acton neighborhood gives a nod to our past while highlighting the historical significance this neighborhood has within Acton. Please be sure to check out the mural during your visit to West Acton!



L to R: Town Manager John Mangiaratti; Elizabeth Bejar-Benz; Select Board members Dean Charter, Alissa Nicol, Jim Snyder-Grant, Fran Arsenault, and David Martin



Artist Elizabeth Bejar-Benz presenting the finished mural to attendees

May Java with John

The Acton Senior Center hosted the May edition of Java with John. During the event, I reviewed Town Meeting results with attendees, provided roadway project updates, discussed the Fire Department operational pilot program, and took questions from attendees. To watch the May edition, please visit - www.ActonTV.org

Thank you for reading the June 2025 Municipal Monthly. Please be sure to check out the following pages for more information on the many happenings around Town during June. I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming ribbon cutting, Friday evening concert, public meeting or visiting one of our amazing businesses throughout Town!

Sincerely,

John S. Mangiaratti, Town Manager



JALEN BASQUIAT - POLICE DEPARTMENT

Welcome Officer Jalen Basquiat who recently graduated from the Quinsigamond College Police Academy. Jalen began his field training on May 5th and we are excited to welcome Jalen to the Acton Police Department Team.



JONATHAN CHAN - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Recently, Firefighter/Paramedic Johnathan Chan successfully completed and graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighter Academy. Jonathan is now certified to the levels of Firefighter I and II, and Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations, by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council, which is accredited by the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications. Congratulations go out to Johnathan on his achievements!

ACTON COMMEMORATES JUNETEENTH

The Town of Acton is pleased to announce Acton Commemorates Juneteenth along with the Acton Congregational Church and the Acton Women's Club. This exciting event will include a presentation by Ray Anthony Shepard, author of Forgotten Patriots, musical selections, and a walk and talk with local tour guide, Amy Cole, who will share some of Acton's history relative to Emancipation and local Abolitionists. We start our Juneteenth journey at Acton Congregational Church, 12 Concord Road, Acton, MA 01720 on Thursday, June 19, 2025. The event runs from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Please click [here](#) to let us know that you are coming or use the QR code!



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE



BUSINESS NETWORKING BRUNCH

Celebrating the Small Business Month

Join us to learn about programs and services to help you start and run your business.

HOSTED BY:
THE TOWN OF ACTON OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
www.actonma.gov/business
Email: economicdevelopment@actonma.gov

WEDNESDAY JUNE 11, 2025
8:00 - 11:30 AM
ACTON TOWN HALL, ROOM 204
472 MAIN STREET, ACTON, MA
REGISTRATION:
[HTTPS://BUSINESSNETWORKINGBRUNCH.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://BUSINESSNETWORKINGBRUNCH.EVENTBRITE.COM)

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

 Lisa Gonzalez Welch, Economic Development Specialist
MA U.S. Small Business Administration

 Emily Maguire, Program Coordinator
MA Supplier Diversity Office

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Town of Acton

You're invited to a Special Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Town of Acton requests the pleasure of your company to join us in celebrating the Grand Opening of

Wireless Zone Verizon

Friday, June 27 at 10:00 A.M.
295 Main Street, Acton

To welcome guests, coffee and light refreshments and fun activities will be provided by Verizon.


Please let us know that you are coming.
economicdevelopment@actonma.gov
(Confirmation is not required, but will be helpful for planning purposes)



POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Acton Police Department's Citizens Police Academy is an excellent opportunity for community members to gain insight into local law enforcement operations.

The 2025 session took place over eight weeks, from April 2 to May 21, 2025, at the Public Safety Facility on Main Street. Participants explored various topics, including patrol procedures, traffic enforcement, use of force, drug investigations, dispatch operations, domestic violence, mental health issues, criminal investigations, juvenile justice, restorative justice, prosecution, and criminal.

The department plans to offer another session in the fall of 2026. While specific dates and registration details have not been announced yet, please watch our social media for upcoming events.

These academies are designed to familiarize citizens with the operations and functions of the Acton Police Department. Participants often engage in ride-a-longs, observe demonstrations, and learn about various aspects of law enforcement, fostering a deeper understanding and building stronger community-police relationships.



Citizens Police Academy Graduation





HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025

9-11:30 AM

DPW GARAGE - 14 FOREST RD.

THE TOWN OF ACTON HOLDS A HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY ONCE A YEAR AND OFFERS RESIDENTS A SAFE AND LEGAL WAY OF DISPOSING OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL OR HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY, PLEASE CONTACT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT 978-929-6632.



THESE COLLECTION SERVICES ARE FOR ACTON RESIDENTS ONLY AND PROOF OF RESIDENCY WILL BE REQUIRED.

Please Visit Website for Details:
<https://actonma.gov/141/Hazardous-Waste>

TRANSFER STATION NEWS



The Swap Shop at the Transfer Station is open! Stop by to drop off or pick up gently used items that are ready for a new home.

The shop is fully staffed by volunteers and they try to be open at least a couple of hours every day, but it does vary week to week. There are some regular volunteers which allow the shop to be open most of Friday and Saturday.

Volunteers are needed at the Swap Shop! The Swap Shop is located at the Transfer Station & Recycling Facility and is generally open May – October. The Swap Shop allows users at the facility to give away or adopt gently used items. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Debby Andell at debbyandell@gmail.com.

Click [here](#) to view the full list of calendar events including recurring monthly events, please visit our program calendar: [Acton Memorial Library Calendar](#).

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HOURS

NOW THROUGH JUNE 15

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Closed Juneteenth, June 19

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HOURS

STARTING JUNE 16

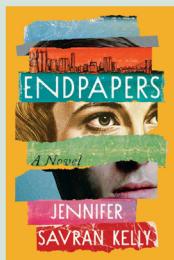
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Photos: The Acton Memorial Library held a Holi Celerbation event on Saturday, May 3. Enjoying the festivities were Representative Sena and many of our local residents! Holi is a major Hindu festival celebrated as the Festival of Colours, Love and Spring!

Sign up now for our Pride Book Club!

Meeting: Wednesday, June 25th, 2:30-3:30 pm at West Acton Citizens' Library and 6:00-7:00 pm at AML. Pick up copies of the book at either Acton Library location. See you there!



Endpapers
By: Jennifer
Savran Kelly



TUESDAY, JUNE 3RD, 6-7PM, AML MEETING ROOM

CELEBRATING THE STORIES & HISTORY OF THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

Pride Book Group Wednesday, June 25, 6:00—7:00 PM, AML Conference Room. Click [here](#) to register.

Celebrating the Stories & History of the LGBTQ+ Community
Tuesday, June 3, 6:00—7:00 PM, AML Meeting Room



Sign up for Teen Summer Reading! Monday, June 23, All Day, Acton Memorial Library & West Acton Citizens' Library. Sign up in person or click [here](#).

Meets weekly on Wednesdays from June 25th through August 20th
2:00 - 3:00 PM
AML Conference Room
Suitable for rising 7th through 12th graders

The Hunger Games Book Club for Teens Wednesday, June 25, 2:00—3:00 PM, AML Conference Room. Click [here](#) to register.

ACTON LIBRARIES
ADULT
SUMMER READING
A Page-Turning Read-a-Palooza

SIGN UP DAY - MONDAY, JUNE 2ND
TUESDAY, AUG. 5TH - CARNIVAL 4-6PM & CONCERT 6-7PM
LAST DAY TO SUBMIT TICKETS - WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27TH
WINNERS ANNOUNCED - FRIDAY, AUG. 29TH

Sign Up for Adult Summer Reading! Monday, June 2, All Day, Acton Memorial Library & West Acton Citizens' Library. Sign up in person or click [here](#) to register.

Acton Memorial Library
ADULT GAME NIGHT
Unplug, unwind, and unleash your competitive side! Join us for Adult Board Game Night at Acton Memorial library—a casual, fun-filled evening of strategy, laughter, and community. Whether you're a seasoned gamer or just in it for the good company, there's a game for everyone. Choose from a variety of modern classics and hidden gems, or bring your own favorite to share!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28TH
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
AML Meeting Room

Adult Game Night Wednesday, June 18, 6:00—7:00 PM, AML Meeting Room

Summer Concert Series
RODNEY MASHIA: TRIBUTE TO AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSICIANS

THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH, 6-7PM, AML LAWN

Enjoy a concert with singer and guitarist Rodney Mashia, featuring songs of jazz, gospel, soul, folk and pop made famous by African American singers, songwriters and composers. Born in New Orleans and raised in rural Louisiana, Mashia has spent decades using his inspirational music to touch hearts and make folks smile. His soulful interpretations of classic songs have entertained crowds of all kinds. With his music -- made by and from the heart -- he explores both the black and white American political system and musical cultures of the past five decades.

AML Summer Concert Series

Rodney Mashia: Tribute to African American Musicians Thursday, June 12, 6:00—7:00 PM, AML Library Lawn

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging at the Senior Center offers services, meals and activities for residents age 60 and up. Most activities are free of charge with a nominal charge for meals.

Location: We are located in the Human Services building at 30 Sudbury Road Rear; contact us at seniorcenter@actonma.gov or 978-929-6652.

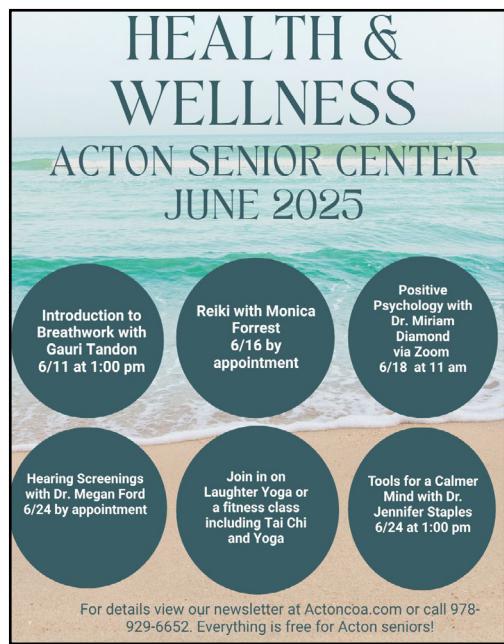
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Closed Thursday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth.

The Senior Services Coordinator provides older adults and their families with information on area social services including home care agencies, elder day programs, housing options, food and fuel assistance.

Each month there are multiple meal opportunities: special lunches, an evening dinner, daily lunch provided by Minuteman Senior Services, monthly breakfast, the Wednesday lunch Bistro open to all ages, frozen grab & go lunches provided by Open Table, and Meals on Wheels delivery. Don't miss the ice cream truck visit on June 10 from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Visit our website www.actoncoa.com to view our newsletter for details on services, meals and activities. Follow us on Facebook [@actoncoa](https://www.facebook.com/actoncoa). To sign up for newsletter or news flash notifications from the COA visit: www.actoncoa.com/list.aspx

HEALTH & WELLNESS ACTON SENIOR CENTER JUNE 2025



Introduction to Breathwork with Gauri Tandon 6/11 at 1:00 pm

Reiki with Monica Forrest 6/16 by appointment

Positive Psychology with Dr. Miriam Diamond via Zoom 6/18 at 11 am

Hearing Screenings with Dr. Megan Ford 6/24 by appointment

Join in on Laughter Yoga or a fitness class including Tai Chi and Yoga

Tools for a Calmer Mind with Dr. Jennifer Staples 6/24 at 1:00 pm

For details view our newsletter at Actoncoa.com or call 978-929-6652. Everything is free for Acton seniors!

Acton Senior Center Upcoming Events June 2025



JUNE 3 Live Folk Music Hootenanny! with Howie Rashba & Mel Green / 2:00 pm

JUNE 10 History of Baroque Rome with Paolo Di Gregorio / 1:00 pm

JUNE 10 Talk on Recreation Programming Including pickleball/Mike Collins/4:00 pm

JUNE 12 Dance Songs of the 50s & 60s presentation by John Clark / 1:00 pm

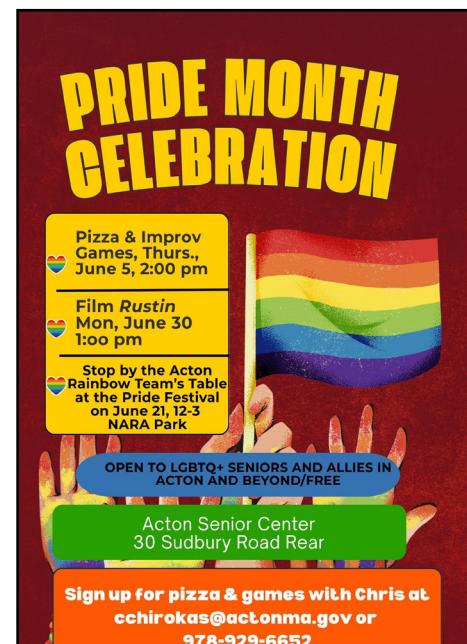
JUNE 17 50+ Years of Broadway Performance & presentation/David Polansky/1:00 pm

JUNE 25 All About Wetlands with Conservation Specialist Ian Bergemann/2:00 pm

Play Pool and Ping Pong Whenever we are open!

WWW.ACTONCOA.COM 978-929-6652 SENIORCENTER@ACTONMA.GOV

PRIDE MONTH CELEBRATION



Pizza & Improv Games, Thurs., June 5, 2:00 pm

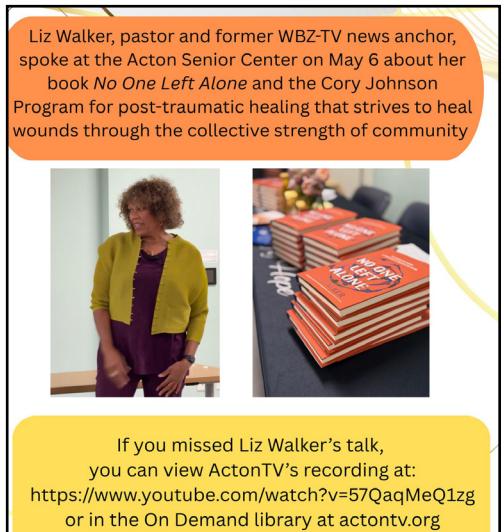
Film Rustin Mon, June 30 1:00 pm

Stop by the Acton Rainbow Team's Table at the Pride Festival on June 21, 12-3 NARA Park

OPEN TO LGBTQ+ SENIORS AND ALLIES IN ACTON AND BEYOND/FREE

Acton Senior Center 30 Sudbury Road Rear

Sign up for pizza & games with Chris at cchirokas@actonma.gov or 978-929-6652



Liz Walker, pastor and former WBZ-TV news anchor, spoke at the Acton Senior Center on May 6 about her book *No One Left Alone* and the Cory Johnson Program for post-traumatic healing that strives to heal wounds through the collective strength of community

If you missed Liz Walker's talk, you can view ActonTV's recording at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57QaqMeQ1zg> or in the On Demand library at actontv.org



There is usually someone up for a game of pool at the Sr. Center.



A ping pong table has been a welcome addition to the Sr. Center.

Program News: Spring and Early Summer Offerings

For a full list of available programs, please visit www.ActonRec.com

Summer Camp: Registration is now open for NARA Summer Camp and Camp Hill Top. Secure your spot for an unforgettable summer camp experience by registering early. To learn more and secure your spot, please visit actonrec.com. Hurry, spots are filling up quickly and we wouldn't want you to miss out on this opportunity!

Seasonal Summer Job Applications: We are currently seeking Camp Counselors, Lifeguards and a Waterfront Director for our upcoming summer camp programs and the NARA waterfront. Interested individuals are encouraged to submit their applications promptly. Thank you for your interest in joining our team! [Click here to obtain an application.](#)

NARA Beach: Now open daily through August 22. Please click [here](#) to view pricing, hours and site amenities. Beach Membership applications are now being accepted for the 2025 season.

Photos: Vacation Day Program Fun!



COMMUNITY SERVICES

 **The Town of Acton**
is proud to announce a new
Tenant Rights Presentation by
MetroWest Legal Services

designed to educate residents on their legal protections, responsibilities, and available housing resources.

Tuesday, June 10th at 6:00 PM

The training aims to advise on:

- **Tenant legal rights and responsibilities**
- **Lease agreements and eviction protections**
- **How to report unsafe or unfair housing practices**
- **Resources for legal aid and housing support**

at the Town of Acton Human Services and Senior Center,
30 Sudbury Rd, Rear.

FUEL UP FOR SUMMER

If you find it financially difficult to provide daily nutritious lunch and snacks for your kids while they attend summer programs, Open Table can help.

Each week, you can order a set of 3 Lunch Trays and a Kids Bag for each child (ages 2-17) in your household.

Kids lunch trays will be available for pickup **JUNE 23rd - AUGUST 21st** at:

Open Table, 33 Main Street, Maynard

Tuesdays: 3:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Thursdays: 11:00 AM to 4:30 PM

To guarantee availability, packs must be reserved in advance.

www.opentable.org

Call: (978) 369-2275

Email: orders@opentable.org





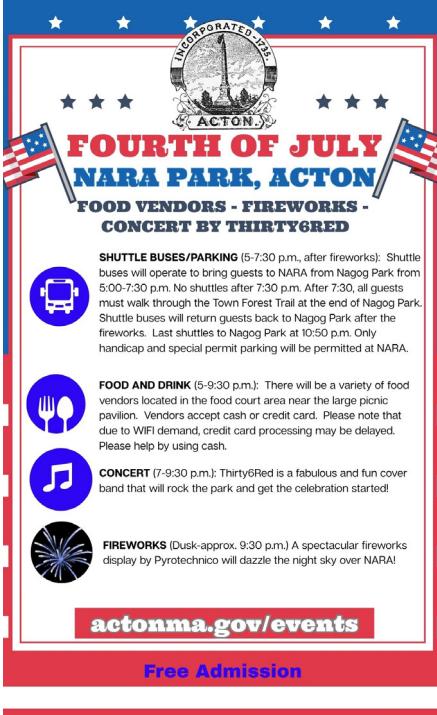
Acton Lion's Town Fair

Dates: Thursday, June 19th – Sunday, June 22nd
Hours:

- **Thursday: 6:00 – 10:30 PM**
- **Friday: 6:00 – 10:30 PM**
- **Saturday: 1:00 – 10:30 PM**
- **Sunday: 1:00 – 8:00 PM**

Location: Intersection of School St and Route 2 eastbound.
Acton, MA

This event has been a beloved local tradition since the 1970s and serves as our largest fundraiser. Join us in supporting the [Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund](#) to advance eye-related research and aid various local charities.



Click [here](#) to purchase tickets in advance.

DIRECTORY OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS

TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE - (978) 929-6600 | VISIT US ON-LINE AT ACTONMA.GOV

Department	Phone Number	E-Mail
Acton Nursing Services	978-929-6650	nursing@actonma.gov
Assessor's Office	978-929-6621	assessor@actonma.gov
Building Division	978-929-6633	building@actonma.gov
Cemetery Division	978-929-6642	cemetery@actonma.gov
West Acton Citizens' Library	978-929-6654	wacl@actonma.gov
Collector/Treasurer Office	978-929-6622	collector@actonma.gov
Community Resources Office	978-929-6651	lducharme@actonma.gov
Conservation Office	978-929-6634	conservation@actonma.gov
Council on Aging	978-929-6652	seniorcenter@actonma.gov
Economic Development	978-929-6611	economicdevelopment@actonma.gov
Engineering Division	978-929-6630	engineering@actonma.gov
Fire Department	978-929-7722	fire@actonma.gov
Health Division	978-929-6632	health@actonma.gov
Highway Division & Transfer Station	978-929-7740 978-929-7742	highway@actonma.gov
Human Resources Department	978-929-6613	hr@actonma.gov
Information Technology Department	978-929-6612	it@actonma.gov
Acton Memorial Library	978-929-6655	Library@acton-ma.gov
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Public Facilities Division	978-929-7744	mpo@actonma.gov
Public Works Department	978-929-7740	highway@actonma.gov
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Sustainability Office	978-929-6611	sustainability@actonma.gov
Town Clerk's Office	978-929-6620	clerk@actonma.gov
Town Manager's Office	978-929-6611	manager@actonma.gov
Veterans' Services	978-929-6614	vso@actonma.gov
Acton Water District	978-263-9107	www.actonwater.com