

TOWN OF ACTON

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From the Office of the Town Manager

Welcome to the February edition of the Municipal Monthly! Annual Town Meeting starts April 1st and the Board of Selectmen is in the process of reviewing all of the proposed articles at its upcoming meetings on February 4th and 25th and March 4th. The Town Meeting Warrant and related information will be posted online and mailed to households in mid-March. Also please stay tuned to our website and social media channels for announcements about public forums and other presentations related to upcoming Town Meeting articles. On page two of this edition you find information about the Kelley's Corner Design Public Hearing scheduled for March 5th.

Did you know that there are current vacancies for commuter parking spaces at Jones Field? To secure a reserved parking spot at Jones Field through August 31, 2019, email Collector@actonma.gov. To learn about all of Acton's commuter parking options, please visit www.actonma.gov/parking.

Please review the following pages for the latest information from our departments. If you have any comments or suggestions about this publication please email manager@actonma.gov. We would appreciate your feedback.

NARA PARK LIFEGUARDS HONORED

The American Red Cross Lifesaving Award for Professional Responders, one of the most distinguished awards the Red Cross can give, was awarded to three lifeguards for their heroic efforts when they used their Red Cross training to perform CPR on a young girl who almost drowned at NARA Pond last summer. The three lifeguards honored at a special ceremony at the Acton Recreation Center on January 4th were Julia Beerman, Jared Arnold and Andrew Dickinson.



Pictured Left to Right: John Mangiaratti, Town Manager, Melissa Rier, Recreation Coordinator, and lifeguards Jared Arnold, Julia Beerman, Andrew Dickinson

You can view the ceremony filmed by Acton TV by visiting this link: <https://youtu.be/uR4EhNodZok>

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like to thank Cathy Fochtman, Recreation Director, for her 12 years of service to the Town of Acton as she officially retires on February 9. Cathy's endless commitment to the Recreation Department has been greatly appreciated by the community and her colleagues. We wish her all the best in her retirement.



Photos on the left were taken at Cathy's Retirement Party on January 25. Cathy was honored with a Citation by the House of Representatives. Representative Jen Benson, Senator James Eldridge and Representative Tami Gouveia were at the event.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting starts on April 1, 2019. To learn more about Annual Town Meeting go to www.actonma.gov/townmeeting.

Residents may view the Town Manager's recommended budget on the Town website at www.actonma.gov/townmanager

TOWN OF ACTON - CONNECT WITH US!

Join our online community and stay in the know with exclusive news and updates on:

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/ActonMAGov/>

Follow us on **Twitter** @ActonMAGov:

<https://twitter.com/ActonMAGov>

Sign up for **Town notifications**, emergency alerts and general alerts - subscribe, unsubscribe or manage your subscriptions: <https://www.acton.ma.gov/list.aspx>

POLICE DEPARTMENT



COFFEE WITH A COP
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
9:00-11:00 AM
DUNKIN'S
182 GREAT ROAD

ACTON CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

An 8-week program held each Wednesday beginning April 3 through May 22 from 4:00 – 6:00 P.M. at the Public Safety Facility, 371 Main Street, Acton

Here is a great opportunity to find out what your Police Department and Dispatch Center does on a daily basis. Classes will be taught by officers specializing in each of the subject areas giving participants the opportunity to meet many members of the Acton Police Department and be able to ask questions and give feedback.

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

- Tour the Public Safety Facility
- Learn the History and Structure of the Police Department
- Patrol Procedures
- Traffic Enforcement
- Use of Force
- Drug Investigations
- Domestic Violence
- Mental Health Issues
- Criminal Investigations
- Juveniles & Restorative Justice
- Prosecution & Criminal Law
- Dispatch Operations and more!



FREE PROGRAM FOR AGES 18+



For more information or to enroll contact Police Chief Rich Burrows at 978.929.7512 or e-mail rburrows@acton-ma.gov

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

DO YOU KNOW THE LATEST?

Join our E-newsletter mailing list for information and updates that include concerts, events, fields and facilities, beach information, recreation programs, NARA Camp, bus trips, project updates and more! **To sign up, e-mail us at: recreation@actonma.gov**. Our goal is to keep you informed--and not inundate your inbox! You can also find us on Facebook: NARA Park, Acton Recreation, NARA Camp, TJ O'Grady Skate Park.

REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR FEBRUARY SCHOOL VACATION PROGRAM AND MUCH MORE AT ACTONREC.COM

February School Vacation Program
 Come play with us!
 Dates: 2/19-2/22
 Program Info:
 Time: 9AM-4PM
 Price: \$50 per Child per Day
 Ages: 5-12
 Enrichment programs including arts & crafts, active games, team building, theater games, outdoor play, and more!
 Location: Acton Recreation Center
 50 Audubon Drive, Acton, MA
 Register Online: www.actonrec.com

WINTER CARNIVAL at NARA PARK
 Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019
 4:00-7:00 PM
 Free Admission!
 FROZEN DANCE PARTY
 SLEDDING
 SKATING
 FIRESPINNER
 FOOD VENDORS
 MARSHMALLOW TOASTING
 CAMPTES
 ACTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
 ANIMAL ADVENTURES
 HOT CHOCOLATE & MORE!!!
 VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS AFTER JAN. 15TH!
 WWW.ACTON-MA.GOV/EVENTS
 ALL ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

STUDIO TWO
 SATURDAY, FEB. 9
 7:30-10:00 p.m.
 ACTON RECREATION CENTER
 50 AUDUBON DRIVE, ACTON, MA
 LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!
 \$35 per person
 Includes appetizer buffet
 All spaces remaining will be available for purchase.
 Tickets on sale now!
www.studiotwo.eventbrite.com

Karen K. & the Jitterbugs
 ALL NEW EVENTS AT THE ACTON REC CENTER!
 SUNDAY, FEB. 10, 2019 - 1:00-3:00 P.M.
 ACTON REC. CENTER
 50 AUDUBON DRIVE, ACTON, MA
 Please check our website in case of changes.
www.acton-ma.gov/events

SEASONAL HELP WANTED



The Town of Acton is accepting applications for the following seasonal summer 2019 positions for NARA Beach and Camp, located at NARA, 25 Ledge Rock Way, Acton MA 01720.

Lifeguard, Water Safety Instructor, Camp Counselor, Snack Bar Attendant, Parking Lot Attendant, Park Ranger

Applications are available on the Town website:

www.actonma.gov/hr

Send to: Human Resources, 472 Main St., Acton, MA 01720. (978) 929-6613 / hr@actonma.gov

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Do you want to get involved in making Acton a better place to live? There are many boards and committees in town run by volunteers, and many of them are in need of new members.

View the Commission on Disability Spotlight and learn more about volunteering. For a full listing of committee vacancies visit the Volunteer Coordinating Commission (VCC) on the Town website:

www.actonma.gov/volunteer

Commission on Disabilities Spotlight
 Watch later Share
Joan Burrows
 BOARD MEMBER
 COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
 You can make a Difference!
 Join a Volunteer Committee today.
 MORE VIDEOS
 1:18 / 3:54
 YouTube

KELLEY'S CORNER UPDATE

DID YOU KNOW THE PROPOSED KELLEY'S CORNER INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS INCLUDE SIGNALIZING COMMUNITY LANE AND MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE?

To learn more and share your comments on the plan, please join us for the **25% Design Public Hearing** on **March 5, 2019 at 7:00 PM** at Acton Town Hall Room 204.

For more information go to actonma.gov/kc

Photo: Conceptual Rendering of Kelley's Corner Improvements



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

LAST CALL...THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

WHAT DO YOU THINK ACTON NEEDS TO DO TO BE A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY?

Please complete a brief survey that you can obtain by e-mailing the Health Department at health@actonma.gov or by going directly to <https://tinyurl.com/healthyacton>.

We conducted a similar survey approximately 8 years ago and received 800 responses! We would love to hear from more of you this time! We have taken strides to implement improvements based on those results. Now we want to know if we should still be working on those items or if there are different needs that you can identify to improve the health of our community.

Thank you for sharing your input!

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

LIBRARY WINTER HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM, Friday - Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
(Closed Feb. 8 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM for staff development - open 1:00-5:00 PM on Feb. 8), Sunday: 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM



Kristen - Circulation



Heather - Reference



Asst. Director Megan and Director Danielle

FOLLOW ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY ON INSTAGRAM @ACTONLIBRARY

Visit our Instagram page to see more of our library staff photos!

COUNCIL ON AGING

Join us for programs at the Senior Center this month. Please call the Acton COA at 978-929-6652 for more information or visit actoncoa.com.

CHARLIE CARDS FOR SENIORS

Thursday, February 21

between 10:30 - Noon

Stop by the COA to apply for an MBTA CharlieCard.

Seniors 65 or older are eligible.



CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR

Tuesday, February 5, at 1:30 PM

Exciting performances of traditional Chinese dancing and singing, including Chinese folk songs and folk dances from China, Tibet and Korea.

50+ JOB SEEKERS REGIONAL NETWORKING GROUP

Monday, February 11, 2:00-4:00 PM

Networking and a presentation on Developing Your Resume.

"JAVA WITH JOHN"

Come join Town Manager John Mangiaratti on **February 15 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM** at the Senior Center for "Java with John". This is an opportunity to talk with the Town Manager about ideas and questions you may have related to the town. Hope to see you there!



LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE OR A LIFE INSURANCE/LONG TERM CARE HYBRID - WHAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU?

Wednesday, February 20, at 1:00 PM

Hans Hug of the LTC Insurance Group will help clarify an often complicated subject.

EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT REAL ESTATE TAXES

Thursday, February 21 at 1:00 PM

Staff from the Town's Assessor's Office discuss the options for real estate tax abatements, deferrals and exemptions. You can also schedule a one-on-one appointment after the presentation by calling the COA at 978-929-6652.

Visit actoncoa.com to read our latest newsletter, calendar list of events and more!

Pictured below: Photo of Marian Ryan, Middlesex District Attorney, who visited the Acton Senior Center on January 15th to inform the public about the latest scams that are happening and to be aware of.



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TOWN CLERK

VOTING DATES

Annual Town Election – March 26, 2019

Annual Town Meeting – April 1, 2019

Voter Registration Deadline for both – March 6, 2019

Please be sure to check your voter registration status with the Town Clerk's office if you plan on voting in either of these elections. We have links to check your status and/or find your polling location on our website <http://actonma.gov/381/Town-Clerk>.

CENSUS

We are in the process of inputting all of the 2019 Census data. Please be sure to return your Census if you haven't already.



DOG LICENSES

The deadline for registering your dog is approaching. After March 1st, a \$25 late fee will be assessed to all applications.

Three Biggest Reasons to License Your Dog

- 1) To control / prevent the spread of rabies
- 2) Easy Identification to return lost dogs
- 3) It's State Law!



ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION

POWDER MILL ROAD/ROUTE 62 IN MAYNARD



Powder Mill Road/Route 62 in Maynard between Waltham Street and the Maynard Elks Lodge will be closed to thru traffic from 7:00 AM -3:00 PM, Monday – Friday beginning Monday, January 28th.

Please click [here](#) for more information.



Service vehicles will vary

ACTON'S DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICES



Dial-A-Ride Services in Acton are here to get you where you need to go—Doctor's Offices, shopping, and the Council on Aging are just some of the destinations. Call today to learn more.

BOOK A RIDE

Call 978-844-6809
Mon - Fri, 8:30am - 4:00pm

MORE INFO

www.MinuteVan.net

WHAT IS DIAL-A-RIDE?

Riders call to book trips in advance. The sooner you request a ride, the more likely we can accommodate your preferred time.



WHO CAN RIDE?



Dial-A-Ride (DAR) services are ADA-compliant and open to everyone. All trips are subject to availability.

BOOK A RIDE - CALL 978-844-6809

Trips go anywhere in Acton, Boxborough, Littleton, and Maynard. When space allows, they also go to medical facilities in Concord. Other destinations may be available in partnership with nearby towns.

HOW MUCH PER RIDE?

One-way trip cost just \$1.00. 10-Ride passes are available for purchase from the driver.

