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From the Office of the Town Manager

Thank you for reading this month's Municipal Monthly for the latest information from our departments. The Municipal Monthly is published online each month and can be found on the homepage of the Town website. If you have any comments or suggestions about this publication, please e-mail manager@actonma.gov. We would appreciate your feedback.

ANNOUNCING MODIFIED TOWN HALL HOURS STARTING JULY 1

I am pleased to announce that Acton Town Hall will open on a modified schedule this summer in order to better serve residents.

Under the new pilot program, Town Hall will open for extended hours on Tuesdays while closing earlier on Fridays from July 1 through at least Sept. 1.

The new schedule is designed to make Town Hall more accessible to residents who might otherwise have difficulty visiting department offices during the traditional workday.

This new schedule will help people who work traditional hours during the day be able to conduct their business at Town Hall.

Throughout the first two months of the program, the Town will collect feedback from employees and residents in order to determine whether the new schedule will become permanent or if it will be modified in some way. Please send any comments to manager@actonma.gov.

ACTON TOWN HALL	
HOURS OF OPERATION	
<small>Effective July 1, 2019</small>	
SUNDAY:	CLOSED
MONDAY:	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
TUESDAY:	8:00 AM – 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY:	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
THURSDAY:	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
FRIDAY:	8:00 AM – NOON
SATURDAY:	CLOSED

ACTON POWER CHOICE



An updated Acton Power Choice Energy Mix Disclosure is available. For more information on the Acton Power Choice program, please visit: www.actonpowerchoice.com.

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>

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT **CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

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. This is your chance to make a difference! There are both Ad Hoc and ongoing committee slots available. Examples include the Recreation Commission, the Cable Advisory Committee, the Transportation Advisory Committee, and the Volunteer Coordinating Committee.

There is sure to be a board that can use your knowledge and skills. There is no better way to give back to your community than volunteering. For a full listing of committee vacancies, visit the Volunteer Coordinating Commission (VCC) on the Town website: www.actonma.gov/volunteer



POLICE DEPARTMENT

ACTON WELCOMES OFFICER KURT CORREIA

Congratulations to Officer Kurt Correia who graduated the 58th Recruit Officers' Course at Western Massachusetts Police Academy. Kurt is a graduate of Worcester State University and previously worked as a dispatcher in Acton.



COFFEE WITH A COP

JOIN US!

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

9:00-11:00 A.M.

DUNKIN'S

212 MAIN STREET, ACTON



The Town of Acton Police Department Presents

Youth Police Academy

For ages 12-14

Tuesday, July 23 - Friday, July 26

9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.



Youth Police Academy will be held at the Elm Street Fields & the Public Safety Facility

Led by Detective Keith Campbell, Detective Michael Eracleo
& Officers from the Acton Police Department

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 Beginning March 15
www.actonrec.com

This is a program for students who are interested in a career in Law Enforcement.
Students will learn what it takes to be a police officer.

YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

The Acton Police Department's Youth Police Academy is returning again this summer!

This program is for students ages 12-14 who are interested in a career in Law Enforcement.

This is a free program.

Enroll now at www.actonrec.com.



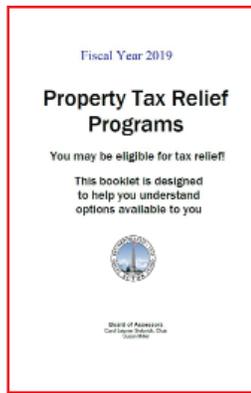
CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Acton Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy was a huge success and had the largest class enrollment to-date with 42 students (not all pictured). The Academy's last day included a special visit from the Mass State Police Air Wing. The Police Academy was held Wednesdays from April 23 until May 22.

We hope to have the next class in the fall starting in September.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE **PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS**

Massachusetts General Law authorizes communities, to exempt certain citizens from part or all of their property tax obligations. Listed below are the most common of these exemptions. For detailed information regarding all available exemptions, please contact the Assessor's office at 978.929.6621.



- **Surviving Spouse, Minor Children, Elderly Persons Exemption** - Citizen must meet the personal and property legal findings.
- **Hardship** - Exemption can be any amount. Must be aged, infirmed and impoverished. To be determined by the Board of Assessors.
- **Blind** - \$500 minimum exemption. Must supply blind certificate, be a legal resident of MA and own the property.
- **Elderly \$1,000 Minimum Exemption** - Must be 65 years old or older. Income and assets are considered.
- **Veterans** - Amount of exemption varies. Legal findings vary. Must be a MA resident. Documentation is needed in most cases. Please contact the Assessor's Office for details.
- **Tax Deferral** - Must be 65 years old or older. Gross annual income not to exceed \$40K.
- **Circuit Breaker** - Must have been eligible for and received an exemption under the State Circuit breaker exemption. Exemption can be any amount.
- **Senior Work Program** - Work for the Town to help assist with paying a portion of your real estate property taxes.
- **CPA** - Community Preservation Surcharge exemption. – Income based on age and size of household.
- **STAC** - Senior Tax Aid Committee - Exemption can be any amount. Must be aged, infirmed and impoverished. At the discretion of the Senior Tax Aid Committee.



Click [here](http://www.acton-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/31/Tax-Relief-Programs?bidId=) to view FY19 Property Tax Relief Program Booklet for more details or visit:
<http://www.acton-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/31/Tax-Relief-Programs?bidId=>

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Registration is now open for all Summer Programs, NARA Camp, NARA Beach Memberships, bus trips, and concert tickets! Now is the time to secure your picnic rentals as dates are filling fast.

Visit actonrec.com for program information and/or to register.



NARA BEACH IS NOW OPEN DAILY **NARA BEACH OPERATIONS THROUGH AUGUST 30**

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Seasonal Beach memberships are available.

Daily rates for Acton Residents: \$6 per person for ages 2 & up, with a cap of \$24 per household up to 6 members.

NARA SUMMER CAMP



NARA Camp opens for the season on Monday, June 24, with weekly themed sessions offered through August 30. Camp is open to children ages 4-13, as well as a Counselor-in-Training Program for ages 14 & 15. Easily register your child online at actonrec.com.

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

We're offering some great day trips this summer! Hop on Board!

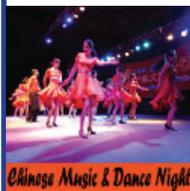
1. Foster's Downeast Clambake, York, ME, Thurs., July 25, \$87 p.p.
2. Seven Seas Whale Watch, Gloucester, Sat., Aug. 24, \$110 p.p.
3. Martha's Vineyard, Thurs., Sept. 12, \$95 p.p.

[Easy online registration](http://actonrec.com) or stop by our office at 50 Audubon Drive.

JUNE CONCERTS & SPECIAL EVENTS AT NARA

Join us this month for these great events at the Park!

- **Chinese Music & Dance Night:** Friday, June 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Free
- **Beach Party Blast:** Saturday, June 22, 12:00-4:00 p.m., Free
- **Classical Concert featuring a quartet from "A Far Cry":** Wednesday, June 26, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Free
- **Kashmir-Nation's #1 Led Zepplin Show:** Friday, June 28, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$15 in advance online at actonrec.com or \$20 at the door.



Chinese Music & Dance Night



Beach Party Blast at NARA!



A Quartet from A FAR CRY



KASHMIR - LED ZEPPELIN TRIBUTE

COUNCIL ON AGING

Join us for new programs at the Senior Center this month! For more details on these and other programs, classes and services offered, please view the current newsletter at actoncoa.com or call the Council on Aging at 978.929.6652. Most offerings are free of charge to Acton residents age 60 and up.

DYNAMICS OF MEMORY AND AGING

Monday, June 10, 1:00 p.m.

This lively and informative presentation by Sharon Johnson of Hearthstone Alzheimer Care will touch on many areas related to cognitive health. Ms. Johnson lectures extensively on a wide variety of topics related to Alzheimer's disease and prevention.

SENIOR WORK PROGRAM

Tuesday, June 11, 10:00 a.m.

Did you know Acton has a Senior Work Program? Staff from the Human Resource Department will explain what it is and how to apply. The program can provide up to earnings up to \$1,522.50 per year through employment with the Town which can be applied toward property taxes.

THE CONCORD TRAVELING PLAYERS TRAVELING TROUPE

Tuesday, June 11, 1:00 p.m.

Join the Concord Players Traveling Troupe, a group of senior actors, for a program of staged readings and skits, featuring amusing views of seniors as we age "gracefully" and with a little pizzazzzzzz!

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Wednesday, June 12, 1:00 p.m.

Judy Peters, the Office Manager for the COA is retiring! Judy has been employed at the COA for over 13 years and volunteered as a computer instructor for three years prior. Please join us to wish her well with cake and ice cream. We wish you all the best Judy!



JAVA WITH JOHN

Friday, June 14, 10:00 a.m.

Enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation with Town Manager, John Mangiaratti.



DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES PERFORMANCE

Monday, June 17, 1:00 p.m.

This not-to-be-missed interactive ballroom dance performance is designed to engage, inspire and entertain! Eileen Herman-Haase and Raul Nieves, owners of Dance Caliente, transport their audiences through time with heart throbbing theatrical ballroom dancing. This program is supported by a grant from the Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council.

JUDY GARLAND SERIES

Wednesday, June 26 and Tuesdays, July 2 and 9, 1:00 p.m.

Ben Sears and Brad Conner will offer a look at Judy Garland's career from early years as a child film star to the celebrated concert singer following her film career using film clips, recordings and live performance.

CHESS CLASSES

Thursdays, June 27-September 5, 12:30 p.m. for beginners; 2:00 p.m. for intermediate players

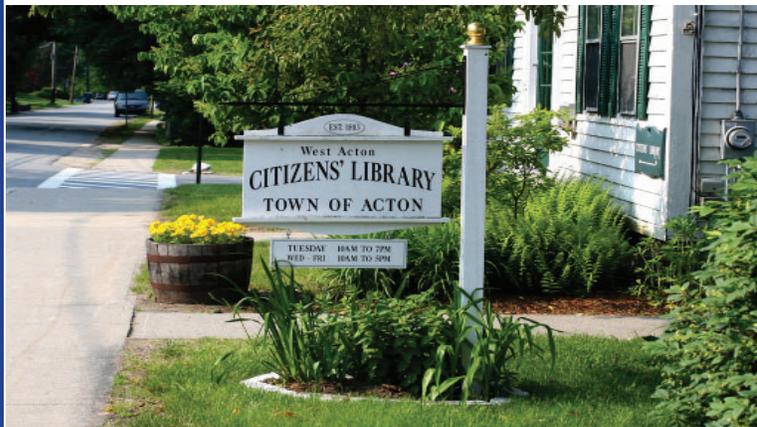
Ken LeBow will teach a new 10-week session of chess classes. The intermediate class is for players who already know how the pieces move and the concepts of check and checkmate. Call the Council on Aging to sign up. There is also a Chess Club that meets Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

DAY TRIPS

The Acton Council on Aging group had a great time at a recent Red Sox game. For information on the schedule of summer day trips, please view our newsletter at actoncoa.com.



WEST ACTON CITIZENS' LIBRARY
BOOK SALE AT OPENING DAY OF FARMERS
MARKET



Get ready to stock up on your summer reading books! The West Acton Citizens' Library is having a book sale on June 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in conjunction with opening day at the ABFM. Thousands of new and gently used children's and adult, fiction and non-fiction, paperback and hard cover books will be available for purchase. All proceeds will go to support the library. The sale will be held in the Windsor Building, directly across from Citizens' Library and the Farmers Market at 21 Windsor Ave. For more information call 978-929-6654.



PUBLIC FORUM
DOG PARK LOCATIONS
 Tuesday, June 25 @ 7:00 P.M.
 Acton Public Safety Facility

Towns across the country have found dog parks to be a benefit to the community and enjoyable for dogs, their owners, and dog lovers alike. Join the Acton Dog Park Committee to learn about the value dog parks can bring to Acton, and our proposed locations. We welcome your input and ideas!

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/ADPCAActon/> or <http://www.acton-ma.gov/604/Dog-Park-Committee>, or email us: ADPC@acton-ma.gov.



ACTON'S JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

The Town of Acton is proud to announce a fun-filled Independence Day Celebration to be held on Thursday, July 4, 2019. The activities begin at 5:30 p.m. with Family Fun Time (all you can ride inflatable wristband-\$15), Welcome Ceremony at 6:30 p.m., followed by a free concert featuring The Blushing Brides—Rolling Stones Tribute at 7:00 p.m., leading into a grand finale with a spectacular fireworks show at 9:30 p.m. Complimentary shuttle buses will begin at 4:00 p.m. that will take guests to and from designated off-site parking lots located on Nagog Park Drive and NARA. It is highly recommended that guests opt to take the 10-minute lighted Town Forest Trail located at the end of Nagog Park Drive to access the park entrance. This is the best way to enter and exit the park during high traffic times. No rain date is planned for this event.

There will be a variety of food vendors including Not Your Average Joe's, The Shuck Truck, Boston Events Catering, Tandoor & Curry Food Truck, Dylan's & Pete's Ice Cream Truck, NARA Snack Shack, and Muddy Water Coffee. No alcohol or outside grills will be permitted on park grounds or any parking areas.

Please visit www.actonma.gov/events for more information on this event or other upcoming events.