

TOWN OF ACTON

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MONTHLY

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

ACTON, MA

FROM THE TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

As the summer season comes to a close, Acton continues to be a very busy place to live, work, and play. We have many exciting projects and events upcoming in the fall to share with you.

Last month, the Town of Acton submitted an application to the MassWorks Infrastructure Grant program. If selected, our proposal will expand sewer capacity to the Powder Mill Road area in South Acton. In advance of our application submission, we welcomed Timothy McGourthy, Deputy Secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development to Acton. Deputy Secretary McGourthy, along with our legislative delegation and additional stakeholders, toured the Town of Acton and proposed site developments in our Cross-Acton Transit van, highlighting several projects and the economic development potential in Acton. A photograph from the visit is shown to the right.



The Board of Selectmen recently declared the former Civil Defense building on 3 School Street as surplus property. Over the years, use for this building has transitioned to storage and it is no longer needed for operations. Town staff is beginning to clean and inventory the equipment and materials, and currently planning an online surplus auction to be held in the next few months. Please stay tuned for more information.

This month, the Acton Economic Development Committee and Middlesex West Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring Acton's first-ever "Restaurant Week" on September 16-22nd. Popular restaurants such as Rapsallion, True West, El Hiupil and many others have agreed to participate. See Page 4 for more information.

We are holding a 2-year Anniversary Open House on September 26th, from 1-3PM at the Human Services and Senior Center facility. The new 30 Sudbury Road location has been a tremendous asset for our Human Services departments and constituents. Several departments will have tables set-up to provide information and answer questions, and a tour will be offered for those who have yet to see the facility.

In the next several weeks, Town departments will begin preparation for next year's budget. Department heads have been asked to focus their requests on the Board of Selectmen Goals established in May 2019, and the Environmental Sustainability Policy established in December 2018. Additionally, departments have been asked to consider mental health, wellness, and economic development initiatives into their budget requests.

We appreciate the successful efforts of our legislative delegation for several FY2020 State Budget amendments that benefit the Town of Acton's projects and services. Amendments such as an increase in the match for Community Preservation Act funding to nearly 30%, project support in the amount of \$150,000 for facility improvements at Miracle Field, and \$100,000 for the Asa Parlin House project. Finally, \$100,000 for the Maynard-Acton-Stow Rail Shuttle to will help our transportation efforts. Thank you to Senator Eldridge, Representative Benson, and Representative Gouveia for supporting local priorities.

Please continue to stay tuned to our website (www.actonma.gov) and social media pages (@ActonMAGov) for the latest information on public meetings, projects and other Town of Acton news.

ACTON CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

An 8-week program held each Wednesday beginning September 4 – October 23 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

COFFEE WITH A COP



**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14
10:00 AM TO NOON
DUNKIN'S AT 182
GREAT ROAD**

COMMUTER PARKING LOT NEW PARKING RATES

On Monday, July 15, the Board of Selectmen voted to increase the cost of Acton resident stickers, commuter lot parking meters and reserved parking.



BEGINNING ON AUG. 1

Resident sticker prices will increase from \$100 to \$200 per year and the Central Street Commuter lot daily rate will increase from \$5 per day to \$6 per day.

BEGINNING ON SEPT. 1

The reserved parking at the 1 Maple St. and 19-21 Maple St. lots will increase from \$100 per month to \$175 per month. Jones Field Reserved parking will remain the same at \$100 per month.

The annual lottery as previously planned will not be held. Instead all current renters will retain their spots indefinitely, assuming they accept the new terms and prices by submitting a new application.

Vacant spots were assigned via a lottery on August 1, 2019 for use starting September 1, 2019.

Going forward applications will be accepted year-round and a lottery will be held monthly, or as needed, to fill vacant spots.

The website has been updated. You can find details and application at: www.actonma.gov/parking



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

FINAL CONCERT OF THE SUMMER!

GILMOUR'S BREAKFAST (INTO THE FLOYD) Saturday, Sept. 7, 7-10 p.m.

Children 10 and under are free
Over age 10, \$15 at the gate

To get your tickets in advance click [here](#).
Click [here](#) to view a special video that tells
you about this great band and the event at
NARA Park!



NEWLY RELEASED: FALL-WINTER PROGRAM

The Fall-Winter Program Booklet is now available. To view the booklet online, click [here](#). You may register online at actonrec.com as well as get details for all programs.

Offerings include: classes for all ages from arts and crafts to Zumba, bus trips and many fun events this fall/winter.

YOUTH CLASSES: Gymnastics for Toddlers and Preschoolers, Music Therapy Group, Young Artists, Kiddie Soccer Weekdays, Super Soccer Stars Saturday, Amazing Athletes Sunday, Origami Fun, Woodworking, Lego ® Civics Project, Business Sharks, Expert Architects, Metrocraft, Tennis Classes, Parents Night Out, Martial Arts, Schools Out Program-Recreation Kids Club

OLDER TEENS/ADULT CLASSES: Line Dancing, Ballroom Dancing, Every Body's Ballet, LaBlast, Mat Pilates & Stretch, Zumba™ Fitness, Zumba™ Toning, Tai Chi and Qigong, Martial Arts, American Red Cross CPR/First Aid/AED Certification, Co-Ed

Pick-up Dodgeball, Co-Ed Pick-up Soccer, Into to Golf and Advanced Golf, Origami for Adults, Guided Forest Therapy, Morning Forest Bathing, Forest Bathing for Dog Owners, Fall Birding in Acton, Fall and Winter Nature Walks, Floral Arrangement Workshop

Bus Trips: Martha's Vineyard (9/12), The Big "E" (9/28), Fall Foliage Turkey Train Ride (10/11), Mystery Tour (11/7), NYC Bus Trip (12/7), Holiday Pops Boston (12/11)

Community Garden information for 2020 for Morrison Farm, North Acton Community Garden and Hebert Farm Community Garden.

Upcoming Fall/Winter Events: Food & Floyd (9/7), Don't Tell Jack (10/4), Monsterbash (10/18), Marionettes - Cinderella (10/27), Pancakes with Santa (12/8), Very Merry Hollyday Celebration at NARA (12/13), Neil Diamond Tribute (12/14), Creature Feature-Birds of Prey (1/12), John Denver Tribute (1/17), Marionettes - Sleeping Beauty (1/25), Winter Carnival at NARA Park (2/1), Studio Two-Beatles Tribute (2/8), Karen K. & The Jitterbugs (3/1)

REGISTER ONLINE AT ACTONREC.COM

The Recreation Dept. is located at 50 Audubon Dr.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ACTON RESTAURANT WEEK - SEPT. 16-22

Acton's first-ever Restaurant Week will take place September 16-22. Restaurants are still signing up, but Rapscaillon, True West, Red Raven, Le Lyonnais, El Huipil, Holy Grail, Not Your Average Joes, Crossroads Café, Acton Coffee House, Legend Café, and Filho's Great Road have agreed to participate.

This event is co-sponsored by the Acton Economic Development Committee and the Middlesex West Chamber of Commerce.

www.ActonRestaurantWeek.com

ACTON
Restaurant WEEK
SEPTEMBER 16-22, 2019

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>



Tusk-World's #1 Fleetwood Mac Tribute performed at NARA Park, Aug. 9 to a large crowd as part of NARA Park's 20th Anniversary Celebration this summer!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Carl Maria

DPW HIGHWAY OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

Please join the Department of Public Works in congratulating Carl Maria. Carl has been promoted to the DPW Operations Superintendent.



Vivian Birchall

LAND USE DIVISION, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Vivian Birchall holds a Bachelor of Arts in Development Studies from Makerere University in Uganda. She is a member of the Rotary Club, AB Cultural Council and host of Africa2U on ActonTV.



Mackenzie Dezieck

JAIL DIVISION PROGRAM CLINICIAN FOR THE CENTRAL MIDDLESEX POLICE PARTNERSHIP (CMPP)

Mackenzie Dezieck will work in partnership with police officers to provide resources, support and assistance to those struggling with substance use and mental health. When police are called to incidents involving substance use and/or mental health, Dezieck will also respond. As the JDP clinician, Dezieck will also follow up with people after those incidents to connect those individuals with resources and programming.



Elizabeth McNamara

COMMUNITY NURSE CASE MANAGER

Elizabeth McNamara joined Acton Nursing Services in July of 2012 as a per diem nurse. Before re-entering the work force, She attended the RN Refresher Course at Boston College. She graduated from Lasell Junior College in Auburndale, MA in 1977.



Rosie Atherton

COA OFFICE MANAGER

Rosie Atherton, formerly one of the Human Services Receptionists, started her new position as the Council on Aging Office Manager, on July of this year.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Many of us never lose that September back to school mentality, which makes it a great month to try something new at the Senior Center located at 30 Sudbury Road! There are 15 fitness classes each week, a gym, lifelong learning programs, informational presentations, meals, services and various activities. Most offerings are free of charge to Acton residents age 60 and up. View the current newsletter at actoncoa.com. For programs that require registration, please call the Council on Aging at 978-929-6652 beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3.



DON'T FALL THIS FALL! PRESENTATION AND BALANCE SCREENINGS

Thursday, September 12, 1:30 p.m.

Join physical therapists from Emerson Hospital Clough Family Center for Rehabilitative and Sports Therapies to learn more about balance changes as we age and how to improve your own balance. Call the COA to sign-up for an assessment.

MEMORY CAFE

Friday, September 13, 11:30 a.m.

A Memory Café is a special time set aside for individuals with memory impairment and their care partners/caregivers. Please let COA know you will be coming.

HEALING CONVERSATIONS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, September 16, 3:00 p.m.

Please join us for Healing Conversations, a free adult bereavement support group offered by Nashoba Nursing Service & Hospice. If you have any questions or would like to know other locations where the group is offered, please contact Kathy Benson (or Lucia Camara) at 978-425-6675 or e-mail kbenson@nashoba.org.

ARTISTS ON THE FRENCH RIVIERA

Tuesday, September 17, 1:00 p.m.

The French Riviera's magnificent land and seascapes served as inspiration for many artists.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN REGIONAL WORKSHOP

Tuesday, September 17, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Massachusetts Commission on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren is offering this free workshop at the Acton Senior Center for grandparents raising their grandchildren. Ruth Bodian will speak on how trauma impacts children and families, followed by an information panel of state local service providers. Please register: Colleen.pritoni@state.ma.us or 617-748-2454.



Art Matters Program in Multipurpose Room

CHRONIC PAIN SELF-MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Thursdays, September 19, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2:00-4:30 p.m.

This evidence-based workshop provides tools and support for healthy living for individuals living with chronic pain such as arthritis or pain due to injury. Registration is required as space is limited—plan on attending all six sessions.



JAVA WITH JOHN

Friday, September 20, 10:00 a.m.

Come have a cup of coffee with the Town Manager, John Mangiaratti. He'll keep you up to date on what is going on around Town, answer your questions and listen to your feedback. He may even bring a guest with him.

THE GIANTS OF AMERICAN LITERATURE

Tuesdays, September 24, October 1, 15, 22, 29, November 12, 1:00 p.m.

In this six-part series, Professor Lawrence Lowenthal will examine the unique characteristics of six American literary geniuses.

BRIDGE FOR BEGINNERS PART 3

Tuesdays, September 24-October 29, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

If you know nothing about the game of bridge but would like to learn, this is the course for you. If you took an introductory class and would like a follow up, this is also a good choice. Call the COA to sign up.

HOMEFIT WORKSHOP; MODIFYING YOUR HOME FOR SAFETY AND COMFORT

Wednesday, October 2, 1:00 p.m.

The AARP HomeFit Workshop provides information on how to decide what type of home modifications are needed to stay in your home as you age and the goal of the presentation is to educate on home updates that can make it easier for you to go about their daily activities while staying comfortable, independent, and injury-free in your home. Presenter Ellie Meyer is an occupational therapist and AARP volunteer guest speaker.

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

IT'S A GREAT TIME TO CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION STATUS!

WHY?

- Do you have a son or daughter college bound? He or she may want to submit an **ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION**.
- If you're new to Town or have recently moved, you want to make sure you are **ELIGIBLE TO VOTE** at your new address.
- Your **POLITICAL PARTY** will determine your ballot options during a primary election.
- If you haven't exercised your right to vote in a while, it's always a good idea to make sure you are on the **ACTIVE VOTER LIST**.

HOW?

You can look up your status on the Massachusetts Secretary of State's website directly or you can contact the Clerk's Office: clerk@actonma.gov.

Massachusetts Secretary of State's website - <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm>

To check your voter status, change your address or party, register to vote, or to obtain an Absentee Ballot Application, visit the Town Clerk's website - <http://www.acton-ma.gov/381/Town-Clerk>
You will also find links to the state's website, poll locations and election results.

IMPORTANT DATES: UPCOMING...

November 27 – Voter registration deadline for Special Town Election

November 30 – Voter registration deadline for Special Town Meeting

December 10 - Special Town Meeting

December 17 - Special Town Election

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 2020...

March 3 – Presidential Primary

March 31 – Annual Town Election

April 6 – Annual Town Meeting

September 15 – State Primary

November 3 – Presidential Election



If you plan to vote via absentee ballot, you can fill out the absentee ballot request application in advance and the ballot will be mailed to you as soon as it is available!

STORMWATER SOLUTIONS

FALL EDITION

Fall is a beautiful time of year.
Please practice good stormwater management habits.

Bad



Good



Do your part!



What you can do to help:

1. Bag leaves and grass clippings for proper disposal.
2. Compost and use leaves and grass clippings as a natural fertilizer
3. When possible, clear storm drains you notice are blocked.

For more information, please visit: www.actonma.gov/stormwater





PLEASE NOTE THAT TOWN FACILITIES
WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019
FOR A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY.

THIS WILL NOT IMPACT OPERATIONS AT
NARA PARK OR EMERGENCY SERVICES.

IN ADDITION, SERVICES SUCH AS RETURNING OF
LIBRARY MATERIAL, USE OF TOWN HALL DROP BOX,
ONLINE SERVICES AND MEALS-ON-WHEELS WILL
STILL BE IN OPERATION.

ANY SCHEDULED BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS
PLANNED BEFORE 8:00AM OR AFTER 5:00PM
ON THE 27th WILL STILL OCCUR.

THANK YOU

Acton Power Choice

COMING SEPTEMBER 2019:
More renewable electricity.
A new Basic option.
New prices.



Learn more at
actonpowerchoice.com

Power Choice Standard (default) —
Now with 10% additional renewable electricity!
(10.985 cents/kWh)

Power Choice Green (on request) —
Still 100% from renewable electricity projects
in New England (12.671 cents/kWh)

Power Choice Basic (on request) —
New option with no additional renewable
electricity (10.741 cents/kWh)

