



## TOWN MANAGER REPORT

### Annual Town Meeting

The 2024 Annual Town Meeting was held on May 6th and 7th, during which 35 articles were discussed and voted upon. 2,579 residents participated in the May 6th session, setting a new record for Town Meeting participation. Four large spaces at Acton Boxborough Regional High School were utilized to host the May 6th session, ensuring all attendees had space to participate and vote. The May 7th session was attended by 501 residents who participated in the remaining articles. I want to thank the Select Board for all their hard work and guidance leading up to and during the two-day session. I also want to thank the dozens of Town staff who worked tirelessly to prepare for Town Meeting and provide support for both nights ensuring the 2024 Annual Town Meeting was a success. A video of the meeting is available at ActonTV and the results of Town Meeting can be found by visiting [www.actonma.gov/townmeeting](http://www.actonma.gov/townmeeting) [http://www.actonma.gov/townmeeting]



*Photo of attendees in the High School Auditorium During the May 6th Session*



*Photo of attendees in the High School Gym During the May 6th Session*



*Beverly Hutchings and her family with Town Manager John Mangiaratti*

community with the assistance they need.

### **Joseph A. Lalli Merit Award for Municipal and Public Safety Employees of the Year**

During the second night of the Annual Town Meeting, I was honored to present the 2023 Joseph A. Lalli Merit Award to two dedicated employees. Council on Aging Outreach Director Beverly Hutchings was honored as the Municipal Employee of the Year. Hutchings was honored for continuously going above and beyond what is required and does her best to provide the seniors (and their caregivers) in this

community with the assistance they need.

Public Safety Communicator Patrick Hawthorne was awarded the Public Safety Employee of the Year. His experience and professionalism has diffused many situations, including during a road rage incident last year. Hawthorne successfully guided a driver through local roads so that he could make his way to the Public Safety Building.

Please join me in congratulating Beverly and Patrick on their well deserved awards!



*Patrick and Jodi Hawthorne with Town Manager John Mangiaratti*



### **Colonel Francis Falkner Sr. Exemplary Volunteer of the Year Award**

On May 16th, the Acton Memorial Library hosted the annual Colonel Faulkner Award Ceremony. Each year, Select Board members nominate a volunteer who serves on a board or committee they are liaison too in recognition of exceptional volunteer service to the Town. The 2024 nominees are Ellen Feinsand, Franny Osman, Sampada Salunkhe, Janet Adachi, and Terry Maitland. All nominees have dedicated their time, efforts, and knowledge to Acton, helping to make our community a better place to live. Please join me in congratulating the nominees.



*Kathy and Miaochen Wu, daughter and husband*

### **Dawn's Pond Dedication Event**

On May 13th I was happy to attend the ribbon cutting of Dawn's Pond at the Acton Arboretum. The event was well attended with Senator Jamie Eldridge, Representatives Danillo Sena and Simon Cataldo, and Select Board member Alissa Nicol joining to honor Dawn Wang's contributions to the Arboretum. I welcome you to visit the Acton Arboretum and visit Dawn's pond.

of Dawn Wang



*Photo of ribbon cutting ceremony*



*Picture above is the Town Hall Oval Garden dedication ceremony*

### **Acton Garden Club 90th Celebration**

On May 1st the Town Hall Oval Garden Dedication was held, honoring the work and generous gift from the Acton Garden Club. This event begins the start of the Acton Garden Club's 90th anniversary celebrations as well, which will continue throughout the year. I want to thank the Garden Club for their hard work and generous donation of a beautiful Jenks fountain, which can be seen in the photo below. Please be sure to visit the Acton Garden Clubs website for more events throughout the year -

Acton Garden Club Website [<http://www.actongardenclub.org/>].

### **Annual Election Recount**



Shortly after the annual Town election, a petition was submitted requesting a recount of the annual election results, specifically the Question 1 which was the override question proposition 2 ½ ballot question one. This was a unique opportunity to perform an election recount, one that has not occurred in Acton for quite some time. On May 21st, the Town Clerk's office, with support from a number of community volunteers, town staff, and Town Counsel's office, performed a recount at Town Hall in room 204. The recount lasted most of the day, with the end result confirming the passage for question one 3205 votes for yes, and 3160 votes for no. Thank you to the numerous volunteers, Town Counsel's office, town staff, and especially the Town Clerk's department for their support in performing the recount. Pictured below is the Deputy Town Clerk Leo Mercado in the process of transporting sealed ballots into the room for the recount.

May was filled with celebrations, dedications, honoring volunteers and staff, a recount and supporting the largest Town Meeting turnout in Town history. I want to thank all the town staff, volunteers, board and committee members, local state delegation, and the Select Board for helping to make a very busy May highly successful in Acton. I hope you enjoy the beginning of your summer and look forward to seeing you at one of the many Town sponsored events throughout June.

Sincerely,

John S. Mangiaratti



Police Officer, Kristin Gates

## Employee Spotlight

Please welcome APD's newest Police Officer, Kristin Gates. Kristin has prior experience working for the Maynard Police Department as a Patrol Officer and has also worked for the Worcester County Sheriff's Office as a Correctional Officer. During her time at MPD, Kristen received specialized investigator training and was a Life Saving Award recipient.

Kristin holds an Associates degree in Criminal Justice from Massbay Community College and is currently pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from UMass Lowell.

Kristin also serves as a Combat Engineer for the Massachusetts National Guard. We are excited for Kristin to continue her career in Law Enforcement with the Town of Acton.

Welcome Officer Gates!

## Community Programs, Events and Surveys

**Spring Cleaning? Donate or Recycle!**

Does the warmer weather have you thinking about spring cleaning? Before you toss your old clothes, books, toys, etc., ask yourself if you can donate or recycle these items instead!

Visit [RecycleSmartMA.org/Beyond-the-Bin-Search](http://RecycleSmartMA.org/Beyond-the-Bin-Search) to find where to donate or recycle items that can't go in your home recycling bin and are too good to trash!



**Textile recycling/donation locations in Acton include:**

- The Salvation Army, Red Cross, and Bay State Textiles Bins
- 193 Massachusetts Ave (Transfer Station)
- Planet Aid Donation Bin - 5 Craig Rd
- Helpsy Textile Collection - 435 Central St
- Cradles to Crayons Donation Bin - 1000 Avalon Drive
- AB Resource Center - 15 Charter Rd
- Acton Congregational Church - 12 Concord Rd

**NO CLOTHES (OR LINENS) IN THE CART**



Visit [actonma.gov/transfer](http://actonma.gov/transfer) to learn about recycling textiles and more in Acton!



The Town of Acton is launching a community engagement effort to re-envision how new residential housing development occurs

*we want to hear from you!*



**Take the survey!**

Complete the online survey by clicking this image!



**Come to the workshop!**

Save the Date: Public Workshop

Tuesday, June 18 at 7:30pm at Town Hall, Room 204



**Stay informed!**

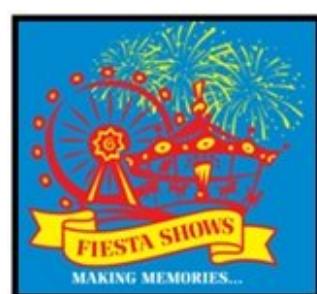
Please join our mailing list! Email [planning@actonma.gov](mailto:planning@actonma.gov) with your information to be added.

**ACTON CLIMATE RESILIENCE FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, June 8 • 1–4pm**  
Gardner Field, West Acton

**\* FREE \***  
**ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES**  
**FOOD • MUSIC**

[bit.ly/ActonClimateFestival](http://bit.ly/ActonClimateFestival)



### Acton Lion's Town Fair

The Lion's club will be hosting the 2024 Town Fair from Thursday June 13th - Sunday June 16th at the School Street Fields. For fair hours, registration and more information, please visit [ACTONLIONS.ORG](http://ACTONLIONS.ORG) [<http://www.actonlions.org/>]





**TOWN OF ACTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
PROUDLY PRESENTS  
**SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMS, SPECIAL EVENTS & MORE!**

**NARA SUMMER CAMP FOR GRADES PK-8**  
It's not too late to sign up but it could be if you wait!  
Weekly sessions begin June 24 and camp ends Aug. 23  
Weekly themed sessions, field trips, water fun, arts and crafts, nature adventures, all camp activities, sports, music, drama and much more!  
Available for residents & non-residents  
Sign up for one week or all weeks!  
Easy online registration at [actonrec.com](http://actonrec.com)

**CAMP HILL TOP FOR GRADES PK-3**  
Acton Recreation Department located at 50 Audubon Drive in S. Acton  
Email: [recreation@actonma.gov](mailto:recreation@actonma.gov) Phone: 978.259.6640  
Mailing Address: 472 Main Street, Acton, MA 01720

**ALL GOOD THINGS RECREATION!**

**SUMMER PROGRAMS**

- Tennis
- Pickleball
- Red Cross CPR, AED and First Aid, 16+
- Women's Pick-up Soccer
- Super Soccer Stars
- Archery Programs

**Easy On-line Registration**  
No added fee for non-residents of Acton!  
Descriptions and fees listed at: [Actonrec.com](http://Actonrec.com)  
We continually add programs and events throughout the year.  
our office is located at 50 Audubon Drive in Acton and a satellite office at the new NARA Sports Plaza open Memorial Day - October 19

**ACTONREC.COM**



## Council on Aging



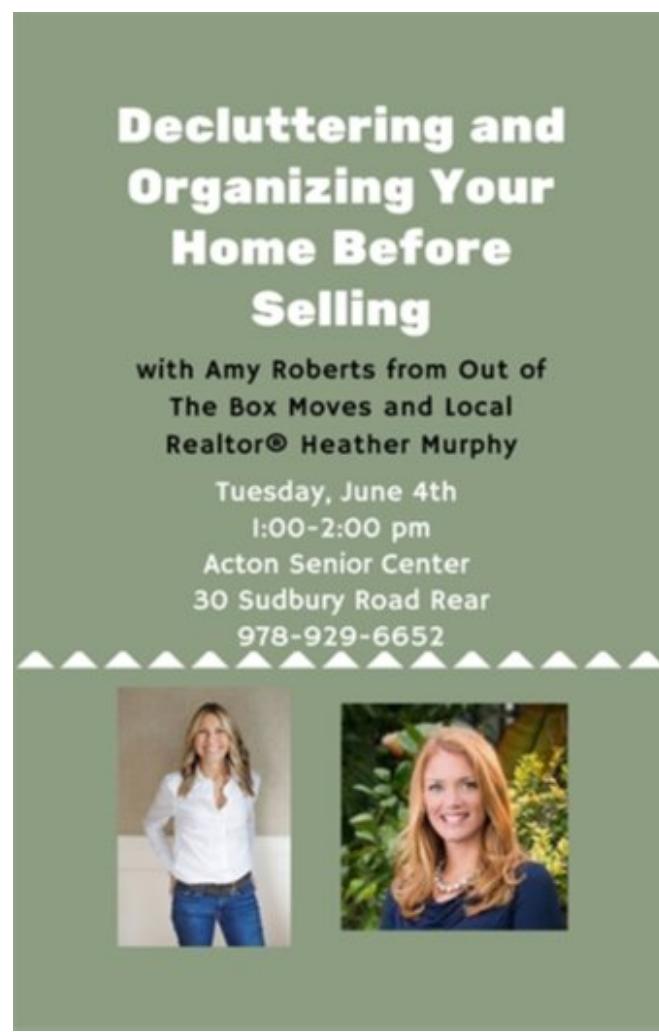
Acton is so fortunate to have so many resident who are in their 90s! The COA's luncheon held during May for Acton's older adults in their 90's was a special day!



### Council on Aging Monthly Highlights

- 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.
- We are located in the Human Services building at 30 Sudbury Road Rear; contact us at 978-929-6652 or [seniorcenter@actonma.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@actonma.gov)
- Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8 am to 5 pm, Tuesday 8 AM to 7:30 PM, and Friday 8 AM to 12 noon

Visit our website [<http://www.actoncoa.com>]ActonCOA.Com [<http://www.actoncoa.com/>] to view our newsletter for more information on services and activities. Follow us on Facebook @actoncoa. To sign up for newsletter or news flash notifications from the COA please click [HERE](#) [<http://www.actoncoa.com/list.aspx>]



## Acton Memorial Library

For a full list of our calendar events including recurring monthly events, please visit our program calendar: [Acton Memorial Library Calendar](https://www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/calendar/) [<https://www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/calendar/>]

### Summer Hours Starting June 16<sup>th</sup>

Monday-Thursday: 9AM – 8PM  
Friday: 9AM – 5PM  
Saturday: 9AM – 1PM  
Sunday: CLOSED

### West Acton Citizens' Library Hours

Tuesday – Thursday: 9AM – 5PM  
Saturday: 9AM – 1PM  
Monday, Friday, Sunday: CLOSED

### Summer Concert Series

Music every month on the back library lawn! Bring a lawn chair, picnic blanket and snacks! If it rains, the concert will still take place inside on June 13, July 18 and August 29. Funded by the AML Foundation.

Thursday, June 13, 7 PM - 8 PM: Hungrytown  
Thursday, July 11, 10 AM-11 AM: Rolie Polie Guacamole  
Thursday, July 18, 7 PM - 8 PM: Crowes Pasture  
Thursday, August 29, 7 PM - 8 PM: PanNeubean Steel

### English at Large Summer Conversation Group

The semester runs from **June through August 10** in the AML Meeting Room.

Registration opens May 13. Click [here](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScayF4PdcEDhr-NVIxxy7AGuU1Clk2YvOUNXr5JUb3HxXEDCQ/viewform) [<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScayF4PdcEDhr-NVIxxy7AGuU1Clk2YvOUNXr5JUb3HxXEDCQ/viewform>] to sign up.

### What's the Buzz on Beekeeping?

Join John Hedly from Hedly Honey for an amazing introductory class on beekeeping! Funded by the AML Foundation. **Thursday, June 6, 6:30—8:00 PM**, AML Meeting Room, Click [here](https://actonmemoriallibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/whats-the-buzz-on-beekeeping/) [<https://actonmemoriallibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/whats-the-buzz-on-beekeeping/>] to register.

### (Virtual) Asian Art Series: Expressions of Gender in Asian Art

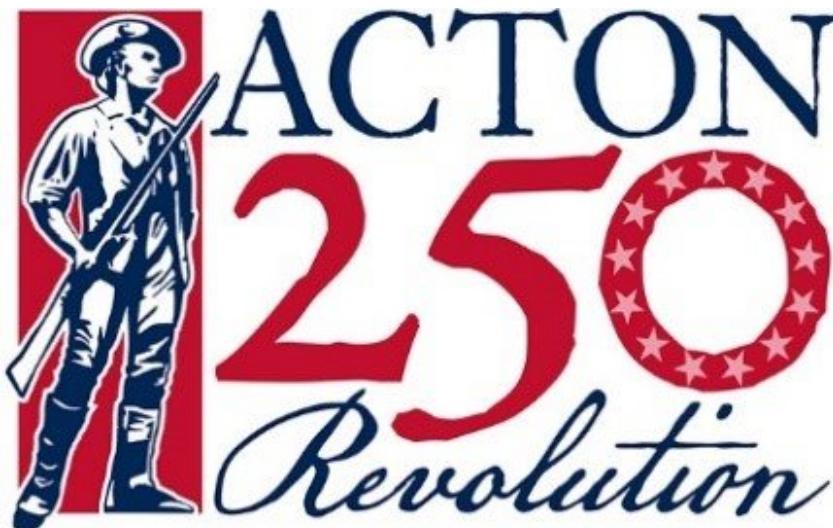
Gender-fluid and non-binary depictions have existed for thousands of years in Asian art. Explore works that support this belief in non-duality. **Sunday, June 9, 2:30—3:30 PM**. On Zoom, click [here](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/8816926413211/WN_6o04NuDpTrmtkvrrMRknJA#/reg) [[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/8816926413211/WN\\_6o04NuDpTrmtkvrrMRknJA#/reg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/8816926413211/WN_6o04NuDpTrmtkvrrMRknJA#/reg)] to register.

**An Evening with Mercury Stardust**

Join your library for an evening with the TikTok phenomenon and published author, Mercury Stardust! Funded by the AML Foundation.

**Thursday, June 20, 7:00—8:00 PM.** On Zoom, click [here](#)

[[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCmladATfXRhkz0NI4XdIv2T5NG\\_1Bo3J1mC\\_XP-Tpqm2DOA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCmladATfXRhkz0NI4XdIv2T5NG_1Bo3J1mC_XP-Tpqm2DOA/viewform)] to register.

**Acton 250 June Events*****Still Here: Houses of Our Patriots***

The second event in the Acton 250 series "Still Here: Houses of Our Patriots" will be a presentation about the Nathaniel Edwards House, 328 Pope Road, on **Monday, June 10 at 7PM. at the Acton Memorial Library, 486 Main St Acton, MA 01720**. The speaker will be the house's co-owner, David Hardt. To register, please visit - <https://tinyurl.com/HardtHouse> [<https://tinyurl.com/HardtHouse>]

To view the June Municipal Monthly in PDF, please visit

- <https://actonma.gov/679/Municipal-Monthly>  
[<https://actonma.gov/679/Municipal-Monthly>]

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