



TOWN OF ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL MONTHLY

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TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE

978.929.6600

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday-Thursday: 8AM-5PM

Friday: 8AM-2:30PM

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: Monday, Feb. 17

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY and WEST ACTON CITIZENS LIBRARY

Hours of Operation are listed in this bulletin.

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TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

DPW Building Design Progress



Dean Charter, DPW Building Committee Chair and Vice Chair of the Select Board, discussing the project at the Senior Center.

On January 29th, the DPW Building Committee (DPWBC) held a public meeting at the Human Services and Senior Center where the current design and cost estimates were presented and discussed. The project's designer, Weston & Sampson, provided updates on design development, and energy system modeling which can be reviewed [HERE](#). The next DPWBC meeting is Wednesday, February 12th at 7pm in room 204 at Town Hall and over zoom. For up to date project information including presentations, upcoming meetings and zoom links, please visit - [Public Works Facility Project-Acton.- MA Official Website](#). The DPWBC also held an open house at the DPW Facility, providing tours to residents and answering questions on the current operations and project design. The tours were well attended and the DPWBC hopes to hold additional tours in the future. Please stay tuned for more information.

Reassessment Project

As part of State Department of Revenue requirements, the Town Assessors office has contracted Vision Government Solutions to assist with property reassessments throughout Acton. This effort began in September of 2024 and is anticipated to run through the summer of 2025. During this time, contractors from Vision Government Solutions will be visiting properties to perform reassessments on behalf of the Town. 2800 inspections have been completed to date. To learn more about this effort and the reassessment process, or to provide feedback please visit www.Actonma.gov/assessor

TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Fire Station Deployment Pilot Program

Starting Monday, February 10th, the Town will launch a Fire Station Deployment Pilot Program running through May 31, 2025. During this period, fire operations will consolidate to two stations: Station 4 (68 Harris St.) in the North and Station 2 (54 School St.) in the South. This initiative aims to improve operational efficiency, optimize resource use, and enhance emergency response. A \$57,000 Community Compact grant funds an operational study, with the Collins Center assisting in analysis. For more details on the pilot program, please click [HERE](#).



Station 4, 68 Harris St



Station 2, 54 School St

Select Board and Finance Committee Joint Budget Workshops

As part of the budget process, the Select Board held two joint workshops with the Finance Committee on January 15th and 21st to review the budget. During those workshops, Department Heads presented their budgets and answered questions, providing information on goals and initiatives included in the FY2026 budget. It was a great opportunity for the Board and Finance Committee to hear directly from Department Heads and learn more about each department's role. I want to thank the Select Board, Finance Committee and Department Heads for their hard work and dialog during these workshops. These workshops are a great way for residents to learn more about what their tax dollars help fund as well. To watch these workshops, please visit [www.
ActonTV.org](http://www.ActonTV.org)



Matthew Dow, Environmental Health Director ; Laura Ducharme, Community Services Coordinator; James MacRae, Director of Veterans Affairs; Penelope Funaiolo, Director of Health and Family Services; Heather York, Director of Nursing Services answer questions from Finance Committee and Select Board members

Thank you for reading this month's Municipal Monthly. As always, please reach out with any questions, comments or suggestions. I hope you have a wonderful February!

John S. Mangiaratti
Town Manager



MIKE COLLINS - ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS COORDINATOR **Recreation Division**

Mike previously worked in recreation both for college and within hospitality. Within these roles he has had the opportunity to create events for all age groups and abilities. In his free time, he likes to run, watch sports, and travel. Mike has a passion for coordinating programs and is looking forward to meeting everyone!



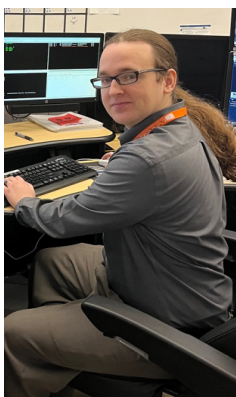
KRISTEN MORRISON - OFFICE MANAGER **Acton Library**

Kristen has joined the Library Administration Team in the role as Office Manager. She has been working in the mortgage industry for the past three years and is excited to start this next chapter with the Acton Libraries. Kristen lives in Wakefield and has a dog, Louis, and a (free roam) rabbit, Sherbert. She loves to spend her free time hiking with her dog, attending concerts, working out and reading. She is very close with her family and her greatest joy is being an aunt!



DAVID FAIR - CLINICIAN **Acton Police Department**

David earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Framingham State University and his Master's degree in Social Work from Simmons University. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience to the PD. Prior to joining the department, he worked with children and adolescents, supporting them through a variety of behavioral concerns. We're excited to have him on board and look forward to the positive impact he'll make in our community!



JOSEPH FRALEY - FULL-TIME DISPATCHER **Acton Public Safety Communications Center**

Joseph joins the Communications Center with experience working in a call center, as a proofreader, a teacher, and providing elder care. Joseph earned a Bachelor's degree in Expressive Therapy from Lesley University in 2015. In his free time, he enjoys playing guitar and spending time with his two cats, Kyo and Yuki. We're excited to welcome Joseph to our team!

The Town of Acton DEI Office & the Acton Commission on Disabilities present...

A SPECIAL FREE SCREENING OF THE AWARD WINNING DOCUMENTARY FILM

CRIP CAMP

A DISABILITY REVOLUTION

A LOOK BACK IN TIME AT THE BEGINNINGS OF THE DISABILITY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

#CripCamp #actonma
FREE ADMISSION

WINNER
SUNDANCE
2020

WINNER
PEABODY AWARD
2020

WINNER
HUMAN RIGHTS DOCUMENTARY
2020

TUES, FEB. 18, 2025
1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Health & Human Services Bldg.
30 Sudbury Road, Rear
Acton, MA 01720
FREE ADMISSION
Pre-registration is required.
Open to the public.
Limited seats available!
QUESTIONS: 978-929-6517

REGISTRATION INFORMATION
USE QR CODE TO REGISTER
or CALL 978-929-6517 and leave us a
message with your name, email address and
how many people are attending.

#CripCamp: A disability revolution. An Oscar-nominated Netflix original documentary.
Produced by Higher Ground Productions.

PUBLIC SAFETY - POLICE AND FIRE

COMING THIS SPRING

THE ACTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
WILL BE OFFERING

Acton Citizens Police Academy

TUESDAYS
APRIL 1 - MAY 20
For ages 18 & up

Follow us on Facebook:
Details and registration
will be announced soon!

FREE
PROGRAM

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



COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Community Services Office within the Department of Health and Human Services, in partnership with MetroWest Legal Services, will host a monthly housing legal clinic. The clinic kicked off on January 14 and is running monthly through December 2026 on the second Tuesday of each month from 4-6 p.m. at the Human Service and Senior Center, 30 Sudbury Rear Road. Click [here](#) to schedule an appointment.

The program was initiated to address community input urging support of residents' tenancy in Acton.

The sessions will aim to address residents' questions about legal matters that will prevent evictions and foreclosures and address housing health-related concerns.

Representatives from MetroWest Legal Services will work in partnership with departments within the Department of Health and Human Services to assist residents in finding available resources.

This program is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

If you have questions email: tenantsupport@actonma.gov or call Laura Ducharme at (978) 929-6651



JOIN ACTON'S COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICE WITHIN THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH METROWEST LEGAL SERVICES FOR

Housing Legal Clinics

These sessions, held once a month through December 2026, allow you to address your concerns about legal matters regarding housing. Join us to learn more about your rights and the resources available to you within the community. Registration is required.

 **SECOND TUESDAY**
OF EACH MONTH

 **4-6 P.M.**

 **HUMAN SERVICE & SENIOR
CENTER**
30 SUDBURY ROAD

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

(Closed: Presidents Day, Monday, Feb. 17)

Monday-Thursday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday & Saturday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.



Teen Winter Craft Cinema: Sat, Feb. 8, 9-5 PM

Come enjoy a winter craft and movie marathon! We will have snacks and drinks and make Valentine's Day cards. No registration required.

WEST ACTON CITIZENS' LIBRARY HOURS

(Closed: Jan. 1, Jan. 20)

Tuesday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Monday, Friday, Sunday: CLOSED



Teen Galentine's Day: Tues, Feb. 11, 5-7 PM

Learn about women in the chocolate industry and taste some of their amazing creations. Teens of all genders are welcome! Click image to register.



Winter Concert Series: Triology

Sunday, Feb. 16, 2-3 PM

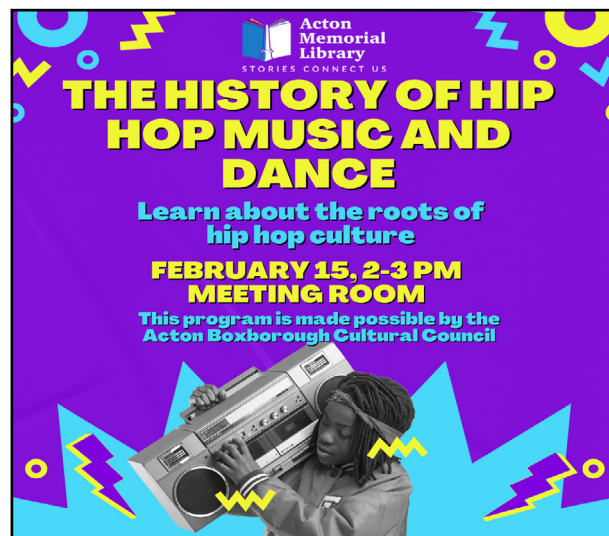
Mixing Jazz and Latin in eclectic arrangements of old and new, Triology plays a wide variety of material with international influences.

No registration required.



**Virtual Art Talk with Jane Oneail:
Rhythm and Hues -
The Harlem Renaissance and Its Legacy
Thurs, Feb. 13, 2-3 PM**

Discover the visionary artists who gave voice to the African American experience in the 1920s and forever changed the landscape of American culture. Funded by the AML Foundation. Click image to register.



**The History of Hip Hop Music and Dance
Sat, Feb. 15, 2-3 PM**

Learn about the roots of dance and music from Hip Hop culture. No registration required.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Overview

A focused economic development planning effort becomes a significant input into the 2025 Comprehensive Community Plan and results in economic development gaining equal status with other established town priorities.

- Town governance moves away from a reactive stance that is regulation heavy to a proactive thoughtful approach to shape the future desired environment
- Employers and developers are excited to work with the town to achieve the vision of a community that protects the environment, values all people, and is financially and culturally vibrant

Acton 2020 Plan Economic Development Goal

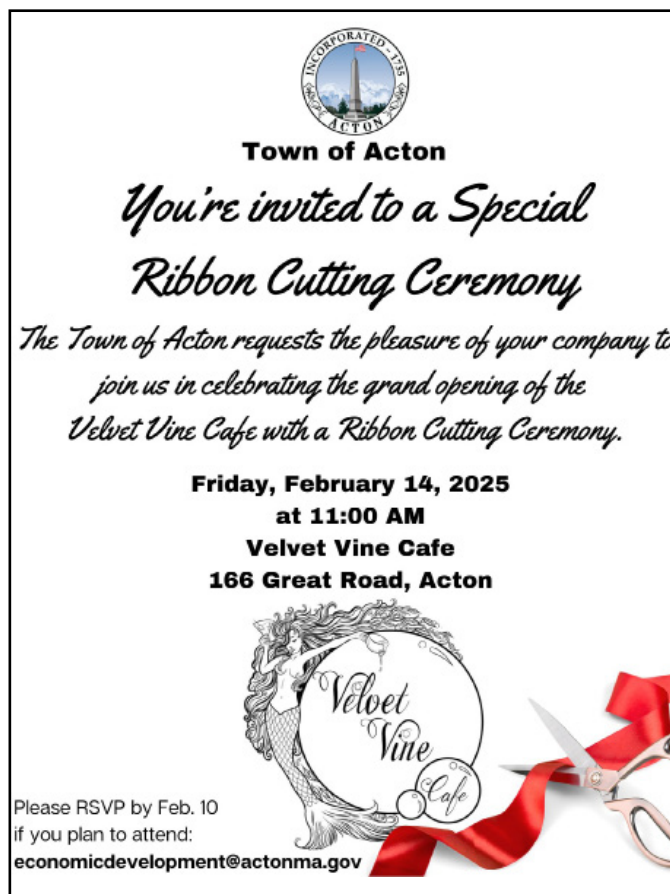
To promote economic development that results in a more robust commercial and industrial tax base, promotes local employment, and supports other town priorities.



Please join our meeting in-person or via Zoom.

<p>Wed, Feb 26</p> <p>(Snow Date: Wed, March 5)</p>	<p>Final Presentation</p> <p>Hosted by the Economic Development Committee and the Acton Planning Department</p> <p>Public Workshop</p> <p>7 p.m., Acton Memorial Library Meeting Room or Zoom</p>
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www.actonma.gov/business



Please RSVP by Feb. 10
if you plan to attend:
economicdevelopment@actonma.gov

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.

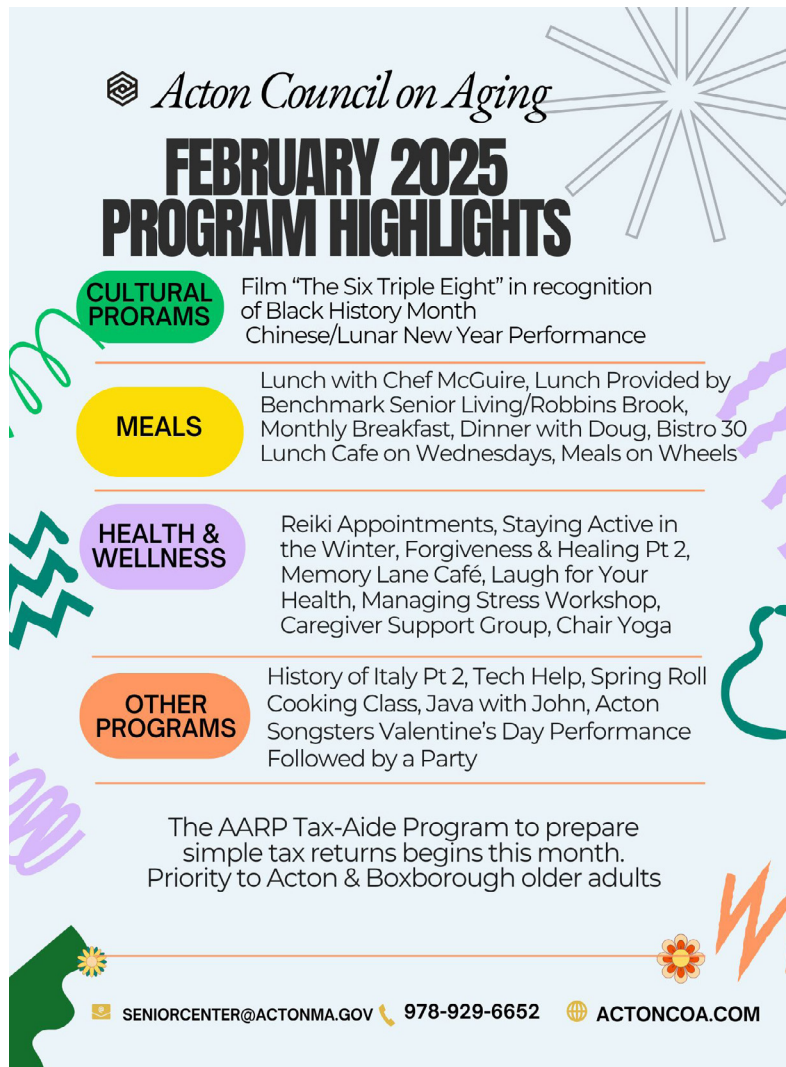
Location: We are located in the Human Services building at 30 Sudbury Road Rear; contact us at seniorcenter@actonma.gov or 978-929-6652.

Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. *Closed Feb. 17 for President's Day.*


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 lunch Bistro open to all ages (now open only on Wednesdays), frozen grab & go lunches provided by Open Table, and Meals on Wheels delivery.

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



The poster features a light blue background with decorative elements like a starburst in the top right, a green silhouette of a person in the bottom left, and various colorful wavy lines. The text is organized into sections with colored circular icons: a green icon for Cultural Programs, a yellow icon for Meals, a purple icon for Health & Wellness, and an orange icon for Other Programs. The footer includes contact information and a website link, accompanied by small icons of a mail envelope, a telephone, and a globe.

 *Acton Council on Aging*

**FEBRUARY 2025
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**




CULTURAL PROGRAMS Film "The Six Triple Eight" in recognition of Black History Month
Chinese/Lunar New Year Performance

MEALS Lunch with Chef McGuire, Lunch Provided by Benchmark Senior Living/Robbins Brook, Monthly Breakfast, Dinner with Doug, Bistro 30 Lunch Cafe on Wednesdays, Meals on Wheels

HEALTH & WELLNESS Reiki Appointments, Staying Active in the Winter, Forgiveness & Healing Pt 2, Memory Lane Café, Laugh for Your Health, Managing Stress Workshop, Caregiver Support Group, Chair Yoga

OTHER PROGRAMS History of Italy Pt 2, Tech Help, Spring Roll Cooking Class, Java with John, Acton Songsters Valentine's Day Performance Followed by a Party

The AARP Tax-Aide Program to prepare simple tax returns begins this month. Priority to Acton & Boxborough older adults

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

CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY

AT THE ACTON SENIOR CENTER

ACTON SONGSTERS PERFORMANCE

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1:00 pm

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1:30 pm

STORIES FROM THE HEART
STORYTELLING

With Homewatch Caregivers & Krossroads
Performance Arts

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 5:30 pm

GREATEST LOVE SONGS PRESENTATION

Thursday, Feb. 27, 1:00 pm

POET OF THE MONTH

ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING

Thursday, Feb. 13, 10:30 am
via Zoom

FORGIVENESS & HEALING PT 2

Zoom From Home or Center

Thursday, Feb. 20, 1:00 pm

978-929-6652 / actoncoa.com

LITERARY PROGRAMS ACTON SENIOR CENTER FEBRUARY 2025



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

ANY BITTER THING BY MONICA WOOD

TUES., FEB. 11, 10:00 AM



LITLOVERS STUDY GROUP NEW AREA OF
STUDY: MASTERPIECES OF SHORT FICTION
BEGINNING WITH CASK OF AMONTILLADO BY

EDGAR ALLAN POE

TUES., FEB. 25, 2:30 PM

POET OF THE MONTH:
ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING

VIA ZOOM

THURS., FEB. 13, 10:30 AM



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

978-929-6652

SENIORCENTER@ACTONMA.GOV

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ACTONCOA.COM



Photo: Asako's Cooking Class at the Senior Center



Photo: A Lunar New Year Celebration held at the Senior Center



COVID TESTS AND NARCAN KITS

FREE Covid tests and FREE Narcan opioid overdose kits are available at the Health Department located in the Acton Town Hall and at the Council on Aging located at 30R Sudbury Road, during business hours. There is a limit of two Covid tests per person and two doses per person for Narcan.



RECREATION DIVISION

ACTON RECREATION
Winter Programs

Online Registration:
www.actonrec.com



No added fee for non-Acton residents.
Programs and fees listed on website.
We continually add programs throughout the year.
Office Location: Acton Rec Center, 50 Audubon Dr., Acton

Up-Coming Programs:
Archery
Hill Top School Vacation Days!
Garden Therapy

NARA SUMMER CAMP

Grades PreK-6

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NARA PARK
71 QUARRY RD, ACTON

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WEEKLY SESSIONS
JUNE 23 - AUG 22

Sessions:

- #1: Time Travelers
- #2: Circus Fun
- #3: Survival Skills
- #4: Superhero
- #5: Olympics
- #6: NARA's Got Talent
- #7: Secret Agent
- #8: Wild, Wild West
- #9: Space Expedition

For more details, visit:
www.actonrec.com



Acton Rec Center
50 Audubon Drive, Acton



Camp HillTop

Weekly Sessions
June 22- Aug 22

#1: Survivor	#5: Superhero
#2: Holiday	#6: Hollywood
#3: Galaxy Explorers	#7: Mythical Creatures
#4: Music Makers	#8: Eco-Warriors
	#9: Underwater World

www.actonrec.com

The year-round Recreation Department Office is located at 50 Audubon Drive (off High Street in S. Acton). From Memorial Day through mid-Sept., the upper fields office at NARA is open.

Hours of operation: Monday - Friday, 8 AM-5 PM, closed on major holidays

Please visit actonrec.com to view current and upcoming programs. Programs are continuously added throughout the year, so please check back often.

Summer Camp Programs: For more details and registration, please visit actonrec.com. Both camp programs are now open for registration. Secure your summer camp plans early. We have many weeks that are in high demand. We don't want you to be disappointed!

This year, NARA Beach and NARA Park grounds will be closed on July 4th in preparation for the evening's July 4th Fireworks and Concert event. The Park grounds will open for the celebration at 5 p.m. No onsite parking without special permit/Handicap placard. Shuttle bus service will be provided to and from designated parking areas

UPCOMING EVENTS!



Wed, February 26 - A Snapshot of Acton's Early Black Residents Acton Town Hall, Room 204 from 7-8:30 PM.

Please join local historians Bob Pion, Bill Klauer, and Anne Forbes discussing recent learnings of Acton's Black residents. Black citizens were among the residents here when Acton first became a town in 1735 and several fought in the Revolution at the Concord Bridge and other New England battles



Thurs, March 6 - "A Sculpture Speaks for Her Statues" with Meredith Bergmann

Acton Town Hall, Room 204 from 7-8:30 PM

Meredith Bergmann designed the Phillis Wheatley Monument, which was installed in 2003. The monument is made of bronze and granite and measures 59 in x 50 in x 32 in. Phillis Wheatley is considered the first African-American author of a published book of poetry.



Thurs, March 13 - Acton 250 Committee's Isaac Davis Brown Ale 2nd Big Release Party!

Dirigible Brewing Company, 24 Porter Road, Littleton

Have you tried the Acton 250 Committee's Isaac Davis Brown Ale? If not, join us March 13th at Dirigible Brewing Company as they reintroduce our commemorative ale in time for the 250th celebration of the American Revolution. This ale is representative of one beer style available to the colonial patriots.

Visit: www.actonma.gov/250 for more information, updates, registration information, and upcoming events.

- Sat, March 22 - South Acton Walking Tour with Tour Guide Amy Cole
- Tues, March 25 - Acton 250th Anniversary Themed Dinner
- Mon, March 31 - "Spies and Military Intelligence" with John Bell
- Sat, April 5 - South Acton Tour with Amy Cole
- Friday, April 18: Acton Minutemen Activities
- Isaac Davis Walk: Please join the Acton Minutemen from 6:30-10:30 AM or the Isaac Davis March (meet at Haartz Corp. parking lot, 87 Hayward Rd.)
- Robbins Ride: Leaves at 5 PM from the soccer fields at the bottom of Concord Road.
- The Acton Minutemen will be in Lexington, Concord and Arlington on the weekend. For further details see: actonminutemen.org/calendar/

DIRECTORY OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS

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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
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Highway Division & Transfer Station	978-929-7740 978-929-7742	highway@actonma.gov
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Acton Memorial Library	978-929-6655	Library@acton-ma.gov
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Veterans' Services	978-929-6614	vso@actonma.gov
Acton Water District	978-263-9107	www.actonwater.com