



TOWN OF ACTON MUNICIPAL MONTHLY

November 2025

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- Dispatcher- Full Time
- Dispatcher- Part Time
- Firefighter/Paramedic
- Paramedic
- Police Officer
- Seasonal Snow Plow Contractors/
Hired Drivers

Interested in serving on a **Town Committee, Commission, or Board**? Find a full list of open volunteer positions [here](#).

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(978) 929-6600

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TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

I am thankful to all of our employees and departments for their dedication and commitment to providing services which are responsive to residents needs. I am also thankful for the active and engaged residents and businesses that contribute everyday to the community to help make Acton a special place. We continue to have several events to highlight. Most of these events may be found in the calendars shown at left and this newsletter contains other important updates on programs and services. The Town of Acton's Veterans Day Ceremony will be observed on Tuesday, November 11th at 11am. The ceremony will take place outdoors (weather permitting) by the Isaac Davis monument on the town common. More details may be found later in this newsletter.



Attendees at 2024 Veterans Day event

TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Many Acton families will have access to SNAP benefits interrupted this month due to the federal government shutdown. The Acton Health and Human Services Department published a list of resources to assist these residents at the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/17CiEtzL1W/?mibextid=wwXIfr>

Below is a photo of progress on the historic rehabilitation of the 17 Woodbury property. This photo at right shows how the original framing was preserved and new framing was added to create unique interior space. Stay tuned for more photos next month when the project will be completed.



MassDOT continues to make progress on the Kelley's Corner Infrastructure project. They will finish sidewalks and curbing soon, and the planting of the trees and vegetation will occur in the spring. The pedestrian street lighting is scheduled to be installed this winter. Final paving will be in the spring and the pavement markings will reflect the bike lanes, medians, and other traffic calming measures in the plan. The new intersection does not have a left turn lane for traffic heading southbound on Main Street. The new traffic pattern will require drivers traveling south on Main Street to take a left on Carroll Spinney Way if they want to go east on Mass Ave.

The Select Board voted in October to move forward with a new design concept for the DPW Facility project. The major change is that this new design will reuse the existing DPW building for vehicle storage instead of building a new vehicle storage garage. This will reduce the cost of the project and prevent the need to relocate operations during construction. More information may be found at www.actonma.gov/dpwfacility



Existing fuel station at DPW

Did you know that the initial part of the DPW Facility project is to relocate the DPW fueling station? At 2024 Annual Town Meeting, voters approved funding to construct a new and relocated fuel depot on the DPW facility site. This project is nearly completed. The existing fuel station is not adequate for safety reasons and is located in the middle of DPW driveway. The new facility will have all of the latest safety features and its new location will allow for more efficient use of space on the site. Stay tuned for photos of the new facility next month!

This is just a quick update. There is lots more going on in Acton. Reach out to me at manager@actonma.gov with any comments or questions. Stop by and see me at Java with John event at the Senior Center Nov. 14th!

Thank you,

John Mangiaratti, Town Manager

NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



ANDY ATALLAH

APPLICATION SPECIALIST/GIS ANALYST

My name is Andy Atallah, and I am the new Application Specialist/GIS Analyst in the IT/GIS Department. I received a Master's Degree in Geographic Information Science and Technology (GIST) from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in September 2025. For my undergraduate degree, I attended Middlebury College from 2020 to 2024 and majored in environmental science. Throughout college, I interned at the Town of Needham, Charles River Watershed Association, and the Massachusetts Geological Survey. I grew up in Needham, MA and enjoy hiking, gardening, and practicing plant identification. I look forward to using GIS and other applications to help a variety of departments across the Town.

OFFICERS AMRITPAL SINGH AND LUIS SANCHEZ

The Acton Police Department is excited to introduce and welcome our newest officers!

Officer Amritpal Singh and Officer Luis Sanchez graduated from the Lowell Police Academy on October 10th, 2025. They are now ready to serve our community with professionalism, integrity, and compassion. Officer Singh and Officer Sanchez are currently assigned to the Field Training Program (FTO). The FTO program is a structured training process designed to transition new police officers from the academy to solo patrol duties. Under the guidance of experienced and certified officers, recruits apply classroom knowledge in real world scenarios while being evaluated on performance, decision making, and adherence to department policies. Recruit officers typically complete the program in 12 weeks before working on their own. Congratulations, Officer Singh and Officer Sanchez!



Pictured left to right: Officer Amritpal Singh, Chief James Cogan, and Officer Luis Sanchez.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

NOVEMBER: A MONTH TO HONOR, REMEMBER, AND CELEBRATE

By Tess O'Neil (DEI Intern summer 2025)

November is full of important observances that shine a light on history, culture, and community: Native and Indigenous American Heritage Month, Veterans Day, Transgender Awareness Week, Día de los Muertos, and Red Shawl Day. November invites us to reflect, learn, and stand in solidarity with communities that have shaped our history and continue to strengthen our future.

NATIVE AND INDIGENOUS AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

This month celebrates the history, culture, and contributions of Native American and Alaskan Native communities. From art and weaving to rituals and spiritual traditions, these practices continue to shape our nation. About 2% of Americans identify as Native or Indigenous. You can get involved by learning their history, supporting environmental stewardship, or celebrating cultural traditions like “rocking your mocs,” traditional Indigenous footwear.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS (NOV. 1-2)

Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, honors loved ones who have passed. Rooted in Aztec traditions and Catholicism, families build altars (ofrendas) and offer gifts to the deceased. La Catrina, a striking skeleton figure, reminds us to embrace our true selves. Celebrations often include colorful costumes, music, and community gatherings.

VETERANS DAY (NOV. 11)

Veterans Day honors all who have served in the U.S. military. Poppies, inspired by the poem In Flanders Fields, remain a symbol of remembrance. This day is a chance to thank veterans, while remembering the challenges many face after service, including mental health struggles and homelessness.

TRANSGENDER AWARENESS WEEK (NOV. 13-19)

This week raises awareness of transgender experiences and coincides with Transgender Day of Remembrance, honoring those lost to anti-transgender violence. It's a time to listen, learn, and support transgender individuals by challenging harmful stereotypes and uplifting diverse voices.

RED SHAWL DAY (NOV. 19)

Red Shawl Day honors missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people. Indigenous women face disproportionately high rates of violence, and wearing red symbolizes remembrance, resilience, and advocacy.



The community is invited to explore the power of allyship and respect for all at a free screening of *Shared Legacies*, a moving documentary about important historical lessons of the Black Jewish Alliance during the Civil Rights Movement.

Wednesday, November 5, 2025
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Acton-Buxborough Regional High School (Auditorium)
36 Charter Road, Acton, MA

A facilitated discussion will follow the film.
The film is for adults and teens.

PLEASE REGISTER HERE

For more information, email jfaber@abschools.org.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CELEBRATING BUSINESS, ARTS, AND THE DINING SCENE IN ACTON

ACTON RESTAURANT WEEK

Acton Restaurant Week gathered eleven local eateries committed to providing residents and visitors with special promotions featuring some of their favorite dishes.

Several of these promotions will be extended, so we invite the community to visit the Economic Development website to learn which restaurants are continuing their offers and to plan their next delicious stop!



Welcome to Junior's Pizza!



Patricia Costa visits Harris Hearth Breads' new Bread Shed.



Gonzalo from Bethencourt Bakehouse works on his Pumpkin Bread!

OCTOBER EVENTS

The Office of Economic Development hosted four key events in October, celebrating local business milestones and the vibrant arts community in town. We were honored to have the offices of State Representatives Danilo Sena and Simon Cataldo, and State Senator Jamie Eldridge represented at these events.



J.Crew, celebrating its recent opening at the Brookside Shops, reinforcing the area's identity as a destination for dining, entertainment, retail, and fashion.



Acton Racquet Club, reopening under new administration, now offering four indoor pickleball courts, four outdoor tennis courts, and six indoor tennis courts and enhancing the recreational and sports options around NARA Park.



Magenta Dance Club, now relocating to West Acton, adding to the neighborhood's charm with dance classes and monthly social dance gatherings.

ART MURAL UNVEILING

In addition, the Town unveiled a new public art mural, Great Place to Learn and Grow, painted by Acton resident Elizabeth Ames with support from NEFA funds. The mural reinforces Acton's identity as a community that integrates arts and culture with its dynamic business environment. Watch the video [here!](#)

SUSTAINABILITY



PUMPKIN SMASH

The Pumpkin Smash is BACK! Don't toss your jack-o'-lanterns —SMASH them! Join us on Saturday, Nov 8 from 10AM–12PM at the NARA lower parking lot for some smashing fun! Bring your leftover pumpkins and help us turn them into compost, not landfill waste.

A poster for 'Energy Advocate Office Hours'. At the top is a lightbulb icon with a green plant growing inside it. The title 'Energy Advocate Office Hours' is in large green letters. Below the title, it says: 'Join Sophia from the Town Sustainability Office for drop-in office hours at the Acton Senior Center!'. To the right, it says: 'When: November 5 & 19 11AM-12PM' and 'Where: 30 Sudbury Road'. Below this, it says: 'Bring your questions about:' followed by a list: '• Home energy upgrades', '• Mass Save incentives & rebates', '• Heat pumps, weatherization, and energy-saving devices', and '• Cost-savings and energy bills (bring your bills!)'. To the right of the list is a box that says 'No Registration Needed!'. At the bottom left, it says: 'Sign up for a Home Energy Assessment today!' next to a QR code. At the bottom right, it says: 'Questions? sdarsch@acton-ma.gov (978) 218-0770'.

ENERGY ADVOCATE OFFICE HOURS

Have questions about fuel assistance, home energy assessments, utilities, or home energy efficiency upgrades?

Stop by the Senior Center for drop-in office hours with Sophia from the Acton Sustainability Office. Bring your questions, your utility bills, or just come to learn more about your options. All are welcome!



COUNCIL ON AGING

ABOUT

LOCATION

Human Services Building, 30 Sudbury Road rear

HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8am-4pm

Tuesday: 8am-6pm

Friday: 8am-12pm

Closed Nov. 11, 27, 28

CONTACT

seniorcenter@actonma.gov or 978-929-6652.

The Council on Aging at the Senior Center offers services, meals and activities for residents age 60+. Most activities are FREE with a nominal charge for meals.

The Assistant Director 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, the Wednesday lunch Bistro open to all ages, frozen grab & go lunches provided by Open Table, and Meals on Wheels delivery. The Bistro is closed November 26.

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 notifications from the COA visit: www.actoncoa.com/list.aspx



Acton Council on Aging at the Senior Center

NOVEMBER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Hootenanny Folk Music Show Tues. Nov. 18, 3:00 pm	1950s in Review Thurs. Nov. 20, 1:00 pm	Fall of the Roman Empire Thurs. Nov. 6, 1:00 pm
Music of the Beatles Thurs. Nov. 13, 1:00 pm	Tonjiru Soup Cooking Demo Tues. Nov. 18, 2:00 pm	Ukulele Play Along Fri. Nov. 21, 10 am

30 Sudbury Road Rear, Acton

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
www.actoncoa.com 978-929-6652



In honor of family caregivers and in celebration of National Caregivers' month, join us for a screening and discussion of this poignant film about caregiving, end of life, and the essential yet largely unseen workforce—the family caregivers who support their loved ones at home.

"We're just kind of thrust into the role sometimes. And you have to step up." - us

CAREGIVER

a love story

Cheryl Botteri, MS, an End-of-Life Educator, Family Support Specialist, & End-of-Life Doula, will be facilitating our discussion.

Monday, November 10th 10:30 am–12 noon

at the Acton Senior Center
30 Sudbury Rd., rear

Registration required; call the Senior Center at 978-929-6652

This program is funded by the MA Councils on Aging's Strengthening End-of-Life Conversations Initiative



VETERANS DAY

11.11.2025

To honor our Veterans this month, the Acton Council on Aging is offering a free breakfast & a free Bistro lunch to Acton Veterans age 60+ For details, see our November newsletter at actoncoa.com or call us at 978-929-6652

COUNCIL ON AGING

HEALTH & WELLNESS
Acton Council on Aging at the Senior Center
November/December 2025

WELLNESS WORKSHOPS
Cultivating Courage
Tues. Nov. 18 at 1:00 pm
Simple Skills for Challenging Days, Wed., Dec. 3 at 2:00 pm

LAUGH FOR YOUR HEALTH
with Susan Phillips
Thursdays at 11:00 am

HEARING SCREENINGS
Appointments with Dr. Megan Ford
of HearSmart Audiology, Tues.,
Nov. 25 starting at 9:30 am

REIKI & REFLEXOLOGY
Reiki Appointments with Monica
Forrest, Mon., Nov. 17 starting at
8:30 am
Reflexology Appointments with
Rebecca Howard
Tues., Nov 18 starting at 3:00 pm

**PART D
PRESCRIPTION DRUG
PLAN SELECTION**
Massachusetts College of
Pharmacy Outreach Team
Appointments, Thurs., Nov. 13
starting at 12:30 pm

FITNESS CLASSES
Choose from 11 classes each week for
a variety of fitness levels

For More Information:
www.actoncoa.com 978-929-6652

**Volunteer Opportunity:
Acton Songsters
Leader**

The Acton Senior Center singing group is in
need of a new leader as the current person is
contemplating retirement
This dedicated group meets twice a month
and has occasional performances

**Singing experience, ability to read music,
and an affinity for working with older
adults is all that's required!**

Contact Chris ☎ 978-929-6652 ✉ cchirokas@actonma.gov
Chirokas:

Acton Council on Aging at
the Senior Center

**Holiday
DECOR SWAP**

Donation Drop off: Mon., Dec. 1,
8 am-3:30 pm
& Tues., Dec. 2, 8 am-12:00 noon
Shopping (free!): Tues., Dec. 2,
2:00-5:30 pm & Wed., Dec. 3,
8 am to 3:30 pm

Please no large items or older lights
30 Sudbury Road Rear, Acton

Questions?
Call 978-929-6652

LCBTQ+ EVENT

Sarah Boyer Author of
*Coming Out, Becoming Ourselves:
Lesbian Stories From the Boston
Daughters of Bilitis 1969-1999*

**COMING OUT,
BECOMING
OURSELVES**

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 1:00 pm
Acton Senior Center
30 Sudbury Road Rear
Take third parking lot entrance & drive around back

Sarah's book includes the
stories of 21 lesbians who were
part of the emerging gay
liberation movement

RSVP to Chris Chirokas
Acton Council on Aging
cchirokas@actonma.gov
978-929-6652
actoncoa.com

LIBRARIES

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER: [Link](#)

Check our website for the latest news: <https://www.actonmemoriallibrary.org>

To register for programs: <https://www.actonmemoriallibrary.org/calendar/>

Questions? Email at reference@acton-ma.gov or call 978-929-6655

EVENT SCHEDULE

MURDER AT ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY!

WEDNESDAY | NOV 12 | 6:00 PM | 21+

Cash bar provided by True West Brewing Co.

MURDER AT WEST ACTON CITIZENS' LIBRARY!

SATURDAY | NOV 15 | 2:00 PM

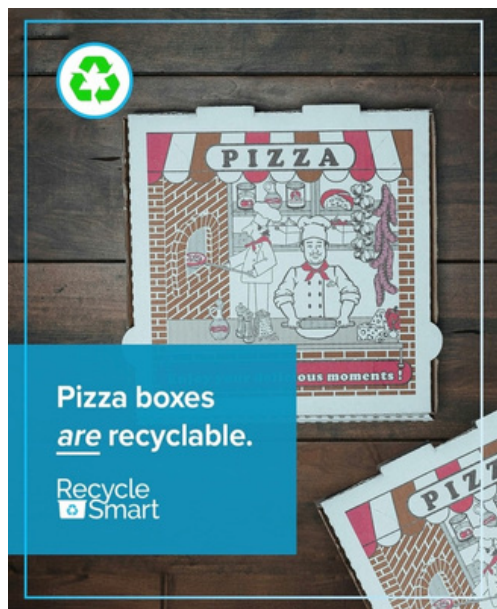
SOMEONE KILLED MARGOT MAPLE! YOU
HAVE 2 HOURS TO FIGURE OUT WHO...

Murder at Acton Memorial Library! Wednesday, Nov.
12, 6:00—8:00 PM, Acton Memorial Library.



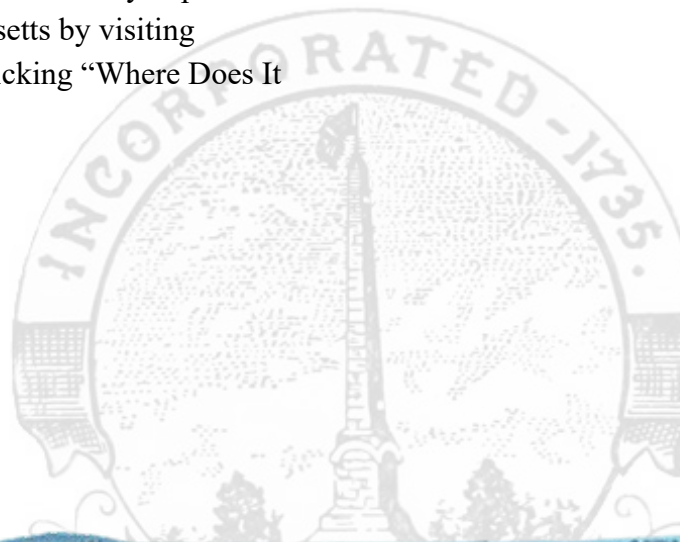
Artist Gallery Series - Darrell Smith Sunday, Nov.
16, 2:00—3:00 PM, AML Meeting Room.

PUBLIC WORKS



EMPTY PIZZA BOXES ARE RECYCLABLE!

Have recycling questions? Ask the Recyclopedia what
can be recycled in Massachusetts by visiting
[RecycleSmartMA.org](https://www.recycle-smart.com) and clicking “Where Does It
Go?”.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES



Friday, November 7, 3:30pm - 7:30pm
Saturday, November 8, 10:00am - 3:00pm
Sunday, November 9, 10:00am - 3:00pm

at
Discovery Museum
177 Main Street, Acton, MA

Come shop in Bessie's Closet—a **FREE** collection of new and gently used clothing—open to all at the Discovery Museum for a short time only! Infant through adult sizes for all genders will be available.*

Admission to the Museum is not required, but also not included.

*Available items are dependent upon donations received.

Donations may be dropped off October 1 - November 1 in the Museum lobby.

978-264-4200 • 177 Main Street (Route 27) • Acton, MA 01720 • discoveryacton.org

Home Energy Assistance Program

As our winter season approaches, SMOC HEAP is ready to help!



What is HEAP?

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a **free**, statewide resource that can help eligible renters and homeowners by paying a portion of their winter heating bills directly to their HEAP-contracted heating companies.

<https://toapply.org/SMOC>

How do I apply?

Apply online:
<https://toapply.org/SMOC>

Apply over the phone:
508-620-2342 (Customer Service)

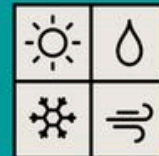
Apply in person:
7 Bishop St. Framingham, MA

Did you know?

Once you're approved for Home Energy Assistance, you may be eligible for a discount on your utility bill.

You may also be eligible for the repair or replacement of your heating system, and/or weatherization services.

This is made possible through SMOC's Energy Conservation Service Dept. For more information, please visit: smoc.org/service/energy.



Income Eligibility*

Number of People in a Household	100% of Federal Poverty Level	60% of Estimated State Median Income
1	\$ 15,650	\$ 51,777
2	\$ 21,150	\$ 67,709
3	\$ 26,650	\$ 83,641
4	\$ 32,150	\$ 99,573
5	\$ 37,650	\$ 115,504
6	\$ 43,150	\$ 131,436
7	\$ 48,650	\$ 134,423
8	\$ 54,150	\$ 137,410
9	\$ 59,650	\$ 140,397
10	\$ 65,150	\$ 143,385

*For a complete and updated list, visit: <http://smoc.org>

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: <https://smoc.org/service-type/energy-financial-assistance/>

HOLIDAY HELP

AYUDA PARA LAS VACACIONES · AJUDA DE FÉRIAS

FOR FAMILIES LIVING IN ACTON OR BOXBOROUGH
PARA FAMILIAS QUE VIVEN EN ACTON O BOXBOROUGH
PARA FAMÍLIAS QUE MORAN EN ACTON OU BOXBOROUGH

WHAT? ¿QUÉ? O QUÊ?

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN (0-19 YEARS)

REGALOS PARA NIÑOS (0-19 AÑOS)

PRESENTES PARA CRIANÇAS (0-19 ANOS)

HOW? ¿CÓMO? COMO?

EMAIL TOYS@ABCCOMPASS.ORG
FOR THE REQUEST FORM

ENVÍE UN CORREO ELECTRÓNICO (EN ESPAÑOL) A TOYS@ABCCOMPASS.ORG
PARA OBTENER EL FORMULARIO

ENVIE UM E-MAIL (EM PORTUGUÊS) PARA TOYS@ABCCOMPASS.ORG PARA
OBTEN O FORMULÁRIO.



WHEN? ¿CUÁNDO? QUANDO?

REQUESTS DUE BY DECEMBER 1, 2025

SOLICITUDES DEBEN ENTREGARSE ANTES DEL 1 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2025

OS PEDIDOS DEVEM SER FEITOS ATÉ 1 DE DEZEMBRO DE 2025

RECREATION

UPDATES

PROGRAMS

We're currently offering a variety of youth and adult programs from yoga and mental health workshops to ultimate frisbee and pickleball!

NO SCHOOL DAY PROGRAMS

Our No School Day Program is now open for select dates, with more dates becoming available soon. To learn more and secure your spot, visit www.ActonRec.com. Hurry spaces are filling quickly!

RENTALS AT NARA PARK

Rentals for the 2025 season are still being accepted, and outdoor facilities will be available through the end of November. Reservations for the 2026 are currently not open yet and will open after the new year. To check date availability or ask specific questions, please email us at Recreation@acton.gov.

PICKLEBALL AND TENNIS SIGN-UPS

Reserve your pickleball or tennis court time online: Visit <https://actonma.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>. Follow the Signup Genius link to pick your preferred time slot and get ready to play! Courts will close for the season on November 30th due to weather.

NARA PARK

The park is open year-round with hours from dawn to dusk. The beach is now closed for the season and will reopen in May. Beach membership applications for the 2026 season will be accepted after the new year.

For a full list of available programs, please visit www.ActonRec.com

ACTON REC PRESENTS

ULTIMATE *frisbee*

FREE | GRADES **3-5** | **4:30-6PM**
RESISTER ONLINE | TUESDAYS 9/9-11/11

AN INTRODUCTION TO ULTIMATE FRISBEE WITH:
COACH TOM

JONES FIELD
35 STOW ST, ACTON, MA 01720

ANY QUESTIONS REACH OUT!
ADDRESS : 50 AUDUBON DR, ACTON, MA 01720
PHONE : (978) 929-6640
EMAIL : RECREATION@ACTONMA.GOV

ACTONMA.MYREC.COM



Acton Rec Presents

NO SCHOOL PROGRAM AT CAMP HILLTOP

\$50 a day per a child! | Ages 5-11
From- 9am-4pm

11/10

attendance is limited to 10 children per a session

SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE UNDER PROGRAMS!

JOIN US FOR TONS OF FUN FROM ARTS AND CRAFTS TO GAMES!

Phone number- (978) 929-6640
Email- Recreation@actonma.gov
50 Audubon Dr, Acton, MA 01720



VETERAN'S SERVICES



(978) 929-6614 | vso@actonma.gov

TOWNS OF ACTON AND BOXBOROUGH

VETERANS' SERVICES

Greetings Acton and Boxborough Veterans,

I'd like to take a moment to remind you that I'm here as a resource for all of you. Whether you have questions about benefits, need assistance with filing a VA disability claim, are facing financial or medical challenges, or are seeking therapy resources, please know that our conversations are always confidential.

Enclosed in this mailing, you'll find information about local veteran events, Veterans Day ceremonies, available benefits, and more. I hope you find these resources helpful, and please don't hesitate to reach out to my office with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

James R. MacRae, *District Director*
Acton and Boxborough Veterans' Services

Questions?

30 Sudbury Road, Rear
Acton, MA 01720
Phone: (978) 929-6614
Fax: (978) 929-6349
jmacrae@actonma.gov

Veterans Day in Acton

Tuesday, November 11 @ 11:00 a.m.

Isaac Davis Monument

The Town of Acton's Veteran Services Department, as well as the Celebrations and Ceremonies Committee, invite you to join us for this year's Veterans Day Ceremony.

The ceremony will be observed on Tuesday, November 11th at 11am. Please park behind Town Hall or behind the Fire Station. The ceremony will take place outdoors (weather permitting) by the Isaac Davis monument on the town common. In the event of inclement weather, we will move the ceremony to the Faulkner room inside town hall. All are encouraged to attend. We hope you can join us in paying reverence to our nations' heroes.

Veterans Day in Boxborough

Tuesday, November 11 @ 11:00 a.m.

Sargent Memorial Library

427 Massachusetts Avenue

The Town of Boxborough cordially invites town Veterans and residents to attend the 2025 Veterans Day Ceremony on Tuesday, November 11th at the Veterans' Tribute



VETERAN'S SERVICES

Memorial at Sargent Memorial Library, 427 Massachusetts Avenue. The ceremony begins promptly at 11 AM, rain or shine. Light refreshments will follow the ceremony.

Parking is available at the library parking lot and at Blanchard Memorial School. If parking at the school, use the bridge walkway to get to the ceremony site.

The Veterans' Day ceremony recognizes the commitment and dedication of Boxborough's veterans and their families. The Town looks forward to honoring all of those who have served in our Armed Forces.

Thirteenth Annual Acton-Boxborough Veterans Day Breakfast

*Tuesday, November 11 @ 8:15 a.m.
AB High School, Stearns Lower Gym
36 Charter Road*

Hosted by ABRHS Honor Society and the AB Rotary Club. Doors open at 8:15am. Ceremonies and light breakfast will begin at 8:30am. Please register by emailing Courtney Carp at ccarp@abschools.org or call the High School at (978) 264-3300, Ext. 44219. Do not leave a message; just call back.



Bugles Across America

*First Sunday of Every Month @ 4:00 p.m.
War Memorial Site, next to Acton Fire Station*

On the first Sunday of every month at 4 p.m., we gather at our War Memorial Site, next to the Acton Fire Station across from the Common, to honor all our fallen men and women. All are invited to attend.

Check out our websites:
buglesacrossamerica.org and buglecall.org.

In closing, let's never forget the fallen. Run locally by Dave Lunger: (781) 775-9922.

Seeking Veteran Speakers for Town Events

We're reaching out to members of our Veteran community who may be interested in speaking at upcoming Veteran events in Acton or Boxborough. We hope to include voices from a wide range of military backgrounds and experiences to reflect the diversity and strength of our Veteran population.

Additionally, if you know a Veteran who deserves recognition for their service or contributions to the community, we would be grateful to receive those nominations.

If you're interested or would like to share a recommendation, please contact my office at (978) 929-6614 or email vso@actonma.gov.



VETERAN'S SERVICES

NEW!

Drop Box Locations for Unserviceable Flags

Thanks to the efforts of our Town Clerk Leo Mercado, we now have two drop boxes in town where residents can bring their unserviceable flags! You will find these drop boxes near the Clerks Office at Town Hall, located at 472 Main Street and outside the entrance of our Human Services and Senior Center Facility, located at 30 Sudbury Road. We collect these worn, tattered, and otherwise unserviceable flags throughout the year to properly retire them in future flag retirement ceremonies at Woodlawn Cemetery.



Acton and Boxborough Veterans Gift Accounts

Veterans Gift Account has been established for both Acton and Boxborough. One hundred percent of your donation to either town's respective Veteran gift account directly translates into assistance for the immediate needs of Veterans and surviving spouses on the local level. All donations to these accounts are greatly appreciated and really goes a long way. For any questions regarding this, please contact my office.

VETERAN'S SERVICES

Important Phone Numbers

**Veterans Crisis Line: 988 (Then Press 1)
or Text 838255**

For information about Burial, Disability, Education, Home Loan, Life Insurance, Medical Care, and Sexual Trauma

VA Benefits: (800) 827-1000

VA Caregiver Support Line: 1 (855) 827-1000 *(Are you caring for a veteran at home?)*

VA Direct Deposit Enrollment/Changes: (877) 838-2778

VA Education (GI Bill): (888) 442-4551

VA Gulf War/Agent Orange Helpline: (800) 749-8387

VA Health Care Bedford: (800) 838-6331 *(Follow the prompts.)*

VA Health Care Boston: (800) 865-3384 *(Follow the prompts.)*

VA Health Care Benefits: (877) 222-8387

VA Income Verification and Means Testing: (800) 929-8387

VA Life Insurance: (800) 669-8477

VA Mammography Helpline: (888) 492-7844

VA Pension Management Center: (877) 294-6380

VA Status of Headstones and Markers: (800) 697-6947

VA Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD): (800) 829-4833

Important Websites for Veterans

Department of Veterans Affairs: va.gov

VA Health Care: va.gov/health-care

Disabled American Veterans: dava.org

Veterans of Foreign Wars: vfw.org

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