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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 now being 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.

HONORING OUR TOWN OF ACTON EMPLOYEES DEDICATED YEARS OF SERVICE

On April 11, the Board of Selectman, Senator Jamie Eldridge, Joshua Bedarian from Representative Jen Benson's office, Representative Tami Gouveia, Town Manager John Mangiaratti, coworkers and family members, attended a very special STAR (Service To Acton Recognition) evening event to recognize the following employees for their dedicated years of service.

Congratulations to all the honorees for your dedication and service to the Town of Acton!

30 Year Honorees:

Anita R. Arnum, Captain, Fire Department
Michael Cogan, Officer, Police Department
Scott Howe, Sergeant, Police Department
Allura Overstreet, Administrative Assistant, Police Department

20 Year Honorees:

Marty Abbot, Clerk, Finance/Assessors Department
Clem Tyler, Firefighter/EMT, Fire Department

10 Year Honorees:

Jimmy Byrne, Lt., Firefighter/Paramedic, Fire Department
Gage Cummings, Firefighter/EMT, Fire Department
Laura A. Ducharme, Community Services Coordinator,
Manager's Department
Jennifer Keefe, Library Assistant, Acton Memorial Library
Mary Wile, Library Assistant, Acton Memorial Library



Pictured L-R: Jon Benson, Dean Charter, Laura Ducharme, Peter Berry, Jennifer Keefe, Senator Eldridge, Mary Wile, Joshua Bedarian, Representative Tami Gouveia, Clem Tyler, Joan Gardner, Allura Overstreet, Marty Abbott, Gage Cummings, John Mangiaratti, Jimmy Byrne



VETERAN'S SERVICES

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONIES - MONDAY, MAY 27

Acton Veterans' Services, as well the Celebrations/Ceremonies Committee, invite you to observe this year's Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies on Monday, May 29th. The parade will step off from the Acton-Boxborough High School at 10 am by way of Hayward Road. The parade will march up Main Street and stop at the town common where an abbreviated ceremony will be held. The parade will then continue down Concord Road and arrive at Woodlawn Cemetery, at which point the main ceremony will take place. We sincerely hope you can attend this ceremony to honor our nation's heroes. Contact Veterans' Service Officer, James MacRae, at 978-929-6614 for more information. For any organizations that wish to participate please contact Gail Sawyer at 978-929-7730.

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>

POLICE DEPARTMENT

ACTON WELCOMES OFFICER KURT CORREIA

Kurt is a graduate of Worcester State University. In 2016, Kurt spent his spring semester as an intern with the APD. After graduating college he was hired as a part-time dispatcher. Kurt began the 58th Recruit Officers' Course at the Western Massachusetts Police Academy in October and graduated on Friday, April 12, 2019. Kurt is now assigned to our field training program where he will be training in our policies and procedures and Town of Acton bylaws for 10-12 weeks before patrolling on his own.



TARGET ENFORCEMENT

The Police Department will be setting up target enforcement in several areas that include the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail and Assabet River Rail Trail using funding received through the Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Grant Program. Enforcement will also be conducted around schools and our commuter rail station in South Acton.



COFFEE WITH A COP



JOIN US!
TUESDAY, MAY 21
9:00-11:00 A.M.
BLACKBIRD CAFE
342 GREAT ROAD
ACTON



SOCIAL SERVICES

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS

Did you know that there is scholarship funding available for a variety of summer programs available for those who qualify? If you live in Acton and are looking for scholarship funding to help send your child to camp or participate in a summer program, please reach out to Laura Ducharme, Community Services Coordinator, for more information at lducharme@actonma.gov.

GRANDPARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

Did you know there is a Grandparents Support Group that meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Acton Sr. Center, 30 Sudbury Road? Note: No meetings July/August. The support group meets monthly to help each other navigate through the challenges and joys faced as grandparents raising grandchildren, and become informed about the resources available. If you would like more information, please contact Joe O'Leary at j.j.oleary@comcast.net or call 978.897.9595.

TOWN OF ACTON - HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019 FROM 9:00-11:30 A.M. AT THE DPW BUILDING, 14 FOREST RD., ACTON

Please visit <http://www.actonma.gov/documentcenter/view/350> for a complete list of items that are accepted.

NOTE: The Transfer Station requires a recycling only sticker for motor oil, car batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and televisions & CRT. A Recycling sticker is only \$15 annually (\$10 for seniors 65+).



What TO bring to Household Hazardous Waste Day: Please bring household hazardous waste in sealed containers (use original containers when possible). Items accepted include: oil paints, stains, thinners & strippers, solvents, varnishes, adhesives, glues, resins, waste fuels, contaminated waste oil, engine degreaser, brake fluid, transmission fluid, antifreeze, insecticides, weed killers, pesticides, wood preservatives, hobby supplies, artist supplies, photo chemicals, chemistry sets, cleaners, spot removers, swimming pool chemicals, aerosol cans

What NOT to bring to Household Hazardous Waste Day: alkaline batteries (dispose of in regular trash), latex paint (open, add hardener to expedite drying, throw away), smoke detectors (dispose of in trash), asbestos (call a Licensed Asbestos Contractor), compressed gas cylinders, ammunition, fireworks, explosives, commercial or industrial waste, infectious & biological waste, radioactive waste, oil filters (punch hole in dome, drain for 24 hours, save oil for recycling, put in trash after draining). If you wish to dispose of Sharps you can find kiosks in the following locations: Acton Nursing Service, 30 Sudbury Road, Acton Town Hall, 472 Main Street and Transfer Station. Medications can be disposed off in a Kiosk located at the Acton Police Station only.

NURSING SERVICES

THE IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT TICKS

15 Facts About Ticks You Should Know...

1. Ticks are not insects.
2. Only a few types of ticks spread diseases in the U.S.
3. If a tick bites you, it'll probably stick around for a few days.
4. Ticks don't start transmitting diseases ASAP.
5. Ticks can spread multiple diseases at once.
6. Most Internet home remedies don't work.
7. You should remove a tick with a pair of tweezers.
8. The symptoms from tick-borne illnesses can show up within a few days.
9. Not everyone with Lyme disease will get a rash.
10. Just because a tick can transmit a disease doesn't mean it will.
11. Lyme disease rates have been climbing steadily.
12. There is no Lyme disease vaccine for humans, but there is one for dogs.
13. You're most at risk for a tick bite in the summer.
14. You can protect yourself against ticks.
15. You should do tick checks every two to three hours.

For details on the above Tick facts, click [here](#).

COMPLIMENTARY TICK REMOVAL KITS

Acton Nursing Services has tick removal kits free of charge for the community and can be picked up during normal business hours at: Acton Nursing Services located at the Human Services Facility, 30 Sudbury Road in Acton, the Acton Health Department located at the Acton Town Hall or the Acton Recreation Department located at 50 Audubon Drive.

If you or a family member has questions about ticks or needs skilled nursing services, we are committed to helping you. Call us at 978-929-6650 or visit us at actonnursingservices.com.

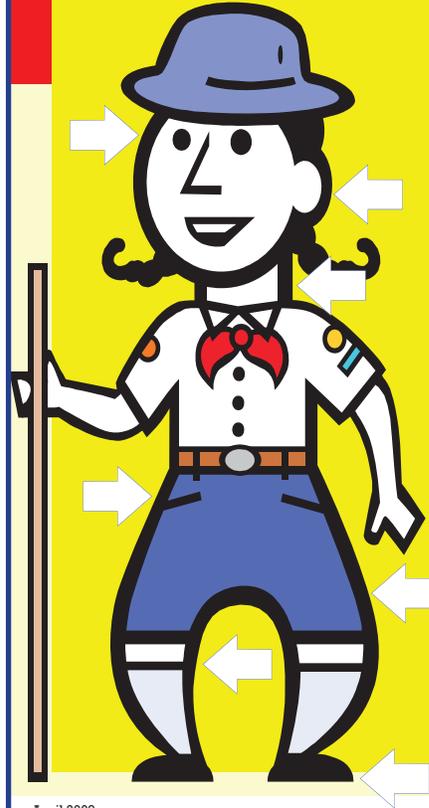
STORMWATER MATTERS

When you are walking your favorite neighborhood loop, do you ever wonder where that storm drain in the road leads? The answer is it drains to a nearby waterbody or wetland. Taking steps to keep storm drains free from debris and contamination can result in less flooding of roadways and cleaner waterways. To learn more, visit www.actonma.gov/339/stormwater.



Is there a tick on you?

Do a tick check!



Here's where to look:

- ⊙ Inside and behind the ears
- ⊙ Along your hairline
- ⊙ Back of your neck
- ⊙ Armpits
- ⊙ Groin (where your legs join your body)
- ⊙ Legs
- ⊙ Behind the knees
- ⊙ Between your toes

Ticks are tiny, so look for new "freckles."



HEALTHY LIVING, HEALTHY AGING: ACTON AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES AARP SURVEY

This survey is sponsored by AARP, and is being administered by the Town of Acton in conjunction with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Acton residents, age 45+ are invited to complete this survey which will help the Town better understand the specific needs of adults in the Acton community. The survey is available to take on line at <https://mapc.ma/ActonAARP> and takes approximately 15 minutes to complete.



The data collected will help in addressing the unique needs regarding housing, transportation, and health care, among other services.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

SPRING PAVING NOTICE



Residents will be notified when a start date has been determined. Please note, the duration and schedule can change depending on weather or other conditions that may arise. We appreciate your

cooperation and patience during this time.

If circumstances allow, we are hopeful to do another round of paving in the fall.

The following roads are slated to be paved this spring:

- Wood Lane
- Newtown Road (McKinely Drive to Arlington Street)
- John Swift Road
- Eliot Circle
- Cowdrey Lane
- Captain Forbush Lane
- Captain Brown's Lane
- Haynes Court
- Seminole Road (Seneca Road to Cul-de-sac)
- Nashoba Road
- Huron Road
- Algonquin Road
- Lillian Road
- Autumn Lane
- Summer Street (Central Street to Boxborough Town Line)
- Woodfield Road
- Shady Lane
- Patrick Henry Circle

MINUTEMAN BIKE SHARE SPRING LAUNCH



CELEBRATE BIKE MONTH

FRIDAY, MAY 10TH

12PM-3PM

WEST ACTON - 525 MASS AVE.

- 50% OFF ANNUAL MEMEBERSHIPS
- TEST RIDE A BIKE
- FREE GIVEAWAYS



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
BIKE.ZAGSTER.COM/MINUTEMAN



ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF THE ACTON LIBRARIES BOOK SALE

Preview Sale for Friends, Friday, May 31, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Book Sale, Saturday, June 1, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

'Half-Price Day', Sunday, June 2, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

LIBRARY HOURS DURING SCHOOL YEAR

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 2:00-5:00 p.m.



ADULT PROGRAMS

For programs requiring registration, call the Reference Desk at 978-929-6543 to sign up.

- **Introduction to Excel:** Thursday, May 2, 3:30 p.m., registration required
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word:** Thursday, May 9, 3:30 p.m., registration required
- **Introduction to PowerPoint:** Thursday, May 16, 3:30 p.m., registration required

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

- **Family Movie Night--Mary Poppins Returns:** Friday, May 17, 7:00 p.m.
- **LEGO® Club:** Thursday, May 2, 2:30 p.m., for ages 4 and up
- **Ed the Music Man:** Monday, May 6, 3:30 p.m. Ed Morgan, known in the greater Boston area as 'The Music Man,' has delighted kids and grown ups alike for over 10 years with his interactive blend of original and traditional children's songs. *Join the fun with this singing and dancing session for kids ages 1-99!* Sponsored by the Friends of the Acton Libraries.



There's always a lot going on in the Children's Department. Go to actonmemoriallibrary.org and choose 'Children' or 'Junior High' for a complete listing of story times, LEGO® and game afternoons, films, author talks and more.

A great deal can be learned on the library's website. Watch the online calendar and news and social media outlets for children's events, additional activities and technology classes, or sign up to receive e-mail notices of library activities.

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.

CUT YOUR COSTS ON INTERNET | TV | TELEPHONE

Tuesday, May 7, 1:00 p.m.

Presented by Acton resident Murray Bob

ASK THE REALTOR® APPOINTMENTS

Wednesday, May 8, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

With Heather Murphy of Keller Williams Realty. Call for an appointment.

WINE AND PAINT EVENT

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.

Friends of the Acton COA event, \$45 includes painting supplies to create your own colorful canvas, glass of wine and other refreshments. Call to sign up; open to all age 21 plus.



JAVA WITH JOHN



Friday, May 17, 10:00 a.m.

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

HEDY LAMARR: TINSELTOWN INVENTOR AND THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN THE WORLD LIVING HISTORY PERFORMANCE

Friday, May 17, 1:00 p.m.

Featuring actress Judith Kalaora.

ACTON HEALTHY, WEALTHY & WISE FAIR

Thursday, May 23, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Featuring town departments and local agencies and business. Open to all.

CARFIT EVENT

Friday, May 24, 10:00 a.m.-12:40 p.m.

Please call for an appointment. A trained technician will complete a 12-point checklist with each senior driver to see how well an older driver and their vehicle work together with a focus on comfort, safety and mobility. Developed by AAA, AARP and the American Occupational Therapy Association.

SMART PHONE RINGTONE CLASS

Thursday, May 30, 2:00 p.m.

Class taught by Girl Scout Troop 62502; call to sign up.

PLUTO'S AMAZING STORY

Thursday, June 6, 1:00 p.m.

Lead by science journalist Kelly Beatty.

For more information on this month's offerings, including upcoming day trips and the exercise class schedule, please view our newsletter at www.actoncoa.com.

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 OPENS FOR THE SEASON ON MAY 25!

Seasonal Beach Membership Early Bird Rates Through May 31.

Save money on your annual membership by registering online (new this year!), in person or sign up at the beach during seasonal operational hours.

NARA SUMMER CAMP

NARA Camp is open to children ages 4-15. Mighty Mini's are for ages 4-5, NARA Camp is for ages 6-13 and our Counselor in Training (CIT) program is for ages 14-15. **Camp is scheduled to start Monday, June 24, with weekly sessions operating through the end of August.**



BUS TRIPS

A variety of bus trips are being offered this summer. Summer trips include: Saturday, June 15, Rhode Island Lighthouse Cruise & Quonset O'Club. On Thursday, July 25, we are off to Foster's Downeast Clambake in York, Maine, and on Saturday, August 24, we have the Seven Seas Whale Watch with lunch at the Gloucester House Restaurant.

JUNE CONCERTS & SPECIAL EVENTS AT NARA

This summer is going to be a very special one as we celebrate NARA's 20th Anniversary! A large variety of events are planned from seven full-production ticketed concerts, a fantastic July 4th Celebration, and a variety of free events. Concerts kick-off in June beginning Friday, June 14, 6:30 p.m., Chinese Music and Dance Night (Free); Wednesday, June 26, 6:30 p.m., Classical Music in the Park (Free); Saturday, June 22, 12:00 p.m. Beach Party Blast (Free); Friday, June 28, 7:30 p.m., Kashmir-The Nation's #1 Led Zeppelin Tribute-ticketed concert--visit actonrec.com for discounted tickets in advance, or pay \$20 at the gate.

Save the date: Acton's Independence Day Celebration will be held on Thursday, July 4 with Family Fun Time from 5:30-9:00 p.m., concert featuring the Blushing Brides from 7:00-9:30 p.m. and a spectacular fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. Free round trip shuttle buses from Nagog to NARA will begin at 4:00 p.m.



FIRE DEPARTMENT **SPRING SAFETY REMINDER**

Spring is here and that usually means that everyone would like to have their yard looking nice. The Acton Fire Department advises everyone to be careful when using outdoor power equipment.



TAKE CAUTION WHEN REFUELING YOUR LAWN MOWER

- Allow your lawn mower to cool before adding gasoline. Gasoline vapors are invisible and could ignite easily when coming in contact with a hot muffler.
- This practice should be used on all gasoline powered equipment.
- Always store gasoline in an approved container.
- Refrain from smoking while refueling.
- Secure the gasoline can in an upright position and keep away from any ignition source.
- Never transport gasoline in the passenger compartment of a vehicle.

***THE ACTON FIRE DEPARTMENT WANTS EVERYONE
TO HAVE A SAFE SPRING!***

NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION **CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**



Volunteers are always needed and appreciated at the Acton Arboretum during spring, summer and fall, April 1 through November 15. Workdays are Tuesday's from 2:30-5:30 p.m. and Thursday's 9:00 a.m. to noon. We meet in the parking lot at 2 Taylor Road. Please contact Bettina Abe via e-mail at babe@actonma.gov or call 978.929.6634 with any questions and/or to sign up. Tasks range in difficulty and level of exertion, but there is something for everyone of all strengths and experience. Come for all or part of the work session. *Retired carpenters are strongly desired for light repairs to the Arboretum boardwalks.*



BIKE SHARE IS BACK!

The Town of Acton is pleased to share that Acton's Zagster Minuteman Bike Share program has relaunched for the season.

- The Zagster bikes are available at two locations in Acton -- West Acton Village and the South Acton Commuter Rail Station -- as well as in downtown Maynard at Mill and Main.
- Bikes can be rented at one of the Zagster station locations and returned to one of the others in Acton, Maynard, Concord and Lexington.
- Minuteman Bike Share memberships cost \$25 for the year and include unlimited rides under two hours free of charge. Annual members who wish to ride for longer than two hours would be charged \$1 per hour. Non-members may rent the bikes for \$1 an hour. **Additionally, Acton and Zagster will mark National Bike Month in May by offering 50% discounts on annual memberships.** To sign up for a membership, [click here](#). For additional information about the program go to www.actonma.gov/bikeshare.



2018 Joseph A. Lalli Merit Awards



**James MacRae,
Veterans Services
Officer**



Annual awards presented to a municipal employee of the year and a public safety employee of the year to recognize exemplary service to the public



**Detective Michael
Eracleo, Acton Police**

Endowed by The Steinberg-Lalli Charitable Foundation

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/ADPCActon/> or <http://www.acton-ma.gov/604/Dog-Park-Committee>, or email us: ADPC@acton-ma.gov.



ABCC ANNUAL OUR WORLD FILM SERIES AT THE TOWN HALL

All events are free and open to the public. Light refreshments provided. Each evening will conclude with a discussion of the film(s) shown.

More information is available at <https://abccourworld.wixsite.com/abccourworld>.

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 7:00 P.M., ROOM 204

A Man Called Ove The title character is a lonely, grumpy ex-railroad employee obsessed with his home association rules. His life is upended when a new Persian family moves in across the street. A Swedish-Norwegian collaboration written and directed by Hannes Holm, this endearing film is faithfully adapted from the best-selling novel by Fredrik Backman. PG-13.

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 7:00 P.M., ROOM 204

Your Name An anime feature, this gorgeous fantasy is a time-and-gender warping labyrinth filled with twists and turns and unexpected transformations. You find yourself rooting throughout for the two teenage leads in a tale of undying love and devotion. Bring the kids and teens. Written and directed by Japanese director Makoto Shinkai, this award winning film is rated PG.

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 7:00 P.M., ROOM 204

The Insult An Oscar nominee for Best Foreign Language Film in 2018, our third Writer/Director film is from Lebanon's Ziad Doueiri. Native Christian Tony is deeply offended by Muslim Palestinian refugee Yasser. Their argument kindles nationwide passions. Tony and Yasser are overtaken by forces beyond their control and forced into a powerful courtroom drama. Rated R.

RIDE THE CAT **CROSS ACTON** **TRANSIT**

Track the Shuttle Online:

CrossActonTransit.com

ALL FARES \$1.00 (Exact change required) with service to: Sachem Way, Nagog Woods, Nagog Mall, Avalon Drive, Great Roads Condominiums, Gould's Plaza, Acton Plaza 1 & 2, Acton Pharmacy/West Acton, Windsor Avenue, S. Acton MBTA (mid-day), Kmart Parking Lot, Town Hall/Library



MOBILE SHUTTLE TRACKER

Download the App



Ride Systems
Ride Systems

- > Download the free mobile app, available in Google Play or the App Store.
- > Select 'Cross Acton Transit'.
- > See the route and your nearest stop.
- > Access the schedule on your phone.

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



SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION **WORKSHOP**

The Small Business Association (SBA) will be holding a workshop for start-up and exiting businesses on Monday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 204 of Town Hall. Come and learn about SBA programs and services available to help start and grow your business. Register for this free workshop at <https://bit.ly/2lrF3g2> or [click here](#).



SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) - Free and Open to the Public
Sponsored by AB Cares

QPR teaches three simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life.

May 30: 10:00 a.m. - Noon, Acton Memorial Library

You never know when you may be called upon to help! Please join us in saying YES to saving a life of a friend, colleague, child, sibling, or neighbor.