

MUNICIPAL MONTHLY

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TOWN OF ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

The past several weeks have demonstrated significant challenges relating to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The Town of Acton swiftly convened a working group consisting of administration, public safety, public health, emergency management, and regional school officials among many other principal individuals and organizations. At this time of printing, we are dealing with the reality of this virus. As this situation is changing daily, please visit the Town website (www.actonma.gov) or follow us on social media for the latest news.

Beginning April 6th and through September, the Senior Center and Human Services building will operate on a modified schedule to better serve residents. Under the new schedule, the building will be open for extended hours on Tuesdays (open until 7:30 pm) and closing earlier on Fridays (closing at noontime). The Town will be collecting feedback from employees and residents during this trial period as well. Please forward any comments to manager@actonma.gov.

Lastly, Deputy Chief Bob Vanderhoof is retiring after 44 years of service from the Fire Department. Deputy Chief Vanderhoof has provided invaluable leadership to the community and will be greatly missed. Please send your expressions of gratitude and well-wishes to AJ Pelkey, either by mail (371 Main Street, Attention: AJ Pelkey) or by email to apelkey@actonma.gov.



Deputy Chief Vanderhoof and his wife Linda in one of Acton's antique fire engines

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Clockwise: Acton Highway employees recently installing new town-line signage; Early voting in Room 204; Robbin's Brook breakfast with Acton Police Department

TOWN HALL AND HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING HOURS OF OPERATION

- Sunday:** Closed
- Monday:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Tuesday:** 8:00 AM - 7:30 PM
- Wednesday:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Thursday:** 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Friday:** 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Saturday:** Closed

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POLICE TAKE DELIVERY OF HYBRID MARKED CRUISERS

Chief Richard Burrows is pleased to announce that the Acton Police Department received its first two hybrid marked police cruisers as the department works to transition its entire fleet into green vehicles.

COUNCIL ON AGING/SENIOR CENTER

Starting the week of April 6 the Human Services Building at 30 Sudbury Road Rear, which houses the Senior Center and Council on Aging offices, will be open Tuesdays until 7:30 p.m. and will close Fridays at noon. Evening hours will allow townspeople who work during the day to utilize programs and services. This will be a trial period through September.



The Senior Center/Council on Aging has much to offer Acton residents age 60 plus this spring! There are a variety of exercise classes, a monthly Memory Café, a gym with exercise equipment, a musical baseball show, special interest groups, classes on photography, sushi making, drawing, chess, and a workshop on discovering creativity and purpose in retirement. There are presentations on art, opera, classical music, and history of World War II, and a special Meet the Author with Chronicle's Ted Reinstein who will discuss his book *New England's General Stores*. Lunch is served weekdays and there is a monthly breakfast. Council on Aging services include information on applying for fuel assistance, SHINE appointments to aid in selecting health insurance, Ask the Lawyer, handy person program, Ask the Realtor, and referrals to home care agencies. For more information, visit www.actoncoa.com or call 978-929-6652.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Spring Paving

The following roads are slated to be paved this spring:

Billings St.	Prescott Rd.
Chadwick St.	Prospect St. (Main St. to Hennessey Dr.)
Fletcher Crt.	Railroad St.
Hennessey Dr.	River St.
Main St. (Nylander Way to Start of S. Acton Bridge)	School St (Main St. to Piper Rd.)
Martin St. (Stow St. to end)	St. James Circle
Nylander Way	Sylvia St.
Overlook Dr.	Tupelo Way
Pine St.	Vanderbelt Rd.

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.

Spring Repairs

Sometimes the grass strips and curbs along the roads are damaged while plowing. The Highway Department works to repair these areas as soon as possible after the snow has melted and the ground has thawed; however other work that involves the safety of the public takes priority. It may take until mid-summer to repair these areas. The repair of grass surfaces generally consists of raking out the ruts and seeding with a standard highway grass seed. If your landscaping needs are such that this is unacceptable, you may choose to repair these areas on your own earlier in the spring.

Street Sweeping

Part of the Highway Department's maintenance program involves cleaning the road surfaces and drains. The road surfaces and sidewalks are cleaned with mechanical sweepers during the spring months. The highly visible areas are cleaned first, such as the town centers and the Isaac Davis Trail. Most roads are swept once during this period.

Residents are reminded to NOT put lawn wastes, trash, tree limbs, etc in the roadway during the sweeping process as it may damage the machinery. The operator will not remove such material, leaving an unsightly mess for you and your neighbors

The Highway Department would like to thank the residents for their continued cooperation during the winter months. It can be a challenging time for all.