



MUNICIPAL MONTHLY

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TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

The North Acton Fire Station ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Friday, June 10th and was well-attended by state and local officials and the Acton community. This state-of-the-art facility was delivered on-time and on budget and will serve as a model for future public safety facilities, particularly for its innovations in environmental sustainability. Thank you to the Select Board, Finance Committee, Building Committee, and voters for your support of this project. For those who were not able to attend the ceremony, a recording was made available by ActonTV and can be viewed by visiting actonma.gov/firestation.

Summer is one of the busiest seasons for the Recreation Department. I encourage all residents to take advantage of the numerous opportunities made available for the community, including the popular concert series (featuring acts such as an Aerosmith or Pink Floyd tribute band), summer camps including a new program "Camp Hill Top," and bus trips to destinations including Red Sox v. Yankees and Martha's Vineyard. I would like to thank Director Melissa Rier and Events Coordinator Maura Haberman for their creativity in providing quality recreational experiences for the community. For more information on summer programming, please visit actonrec.com.

TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE

DIAL

978-929-6600

TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday: 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

TOWN HALL & HUMAN SERVICES HOURS OF OPERATION

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 - Sunday: Closed

Town Offices will be closed:
Monday, July 4 - Independence Day

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday: Closed

Jennifer Friedman (shown in photo at right) is retiring from the Town of Acton after serving 15 years as Director of the Citizens' Library. Jennifer has many notable accomplishments, including establishing the library as a destination in West Acton Village, successful events and programming, and most recently joining the Minuteman Library Network. On behalf of Town staff, I thank Jennifer for her commitment to the Citizens' Library and the Acton community.



Finally, as we close out one fiscal year and enter into the next, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the town employees for their hard work and commitment to providing high-quality services for the community. As Town Manager, I continue to be inspired by a community that is passionate, innovative, inclusive, and proud of their deep-rooted traditions and community values. I would like to thank the Select Board, volunteer boards and commissions, and the community for your confidence in this honor I have serving as your Town Manager.

Sincerely,
John S. Mangiaratti
Town Manager



About the Award

Each year town employees are invited to nominate their co-workers for the “Joseph A. Lalli Merit Award”, generously supported and funded by the Steinberg-Lalli Charitable Foundation.

Mr. Joseph Lalli was a strong supporter of public service and wished to leave a legacy by acknowledging a public safety employee and municipal employee each year for their outstanding performance and their extraordinary contributions made to the town and the various programs and services provided to our citizens.

History of Mr. Lalli

Mr. Joseph A. Lalli was born and raised on a small farm in Maynard to Italian immigrant parents. His father worked in the woolen mills in Maynard as did Joe in his youth. At the time, Maynard was a melting pot of immigrants from many different countries. People of that area derived their livelihood almost entirely from the mills, and the other small businesses that served the workers and their families.

A survivor of rheumatic fever – the disease scarred Joe’s heart and he was forced to find a less strenuous occupation than millwork. He graduated from Fitchburg State College and spent a good part of his working life as an educator in New England. Joe worked diligently at other ventures: growing vegetables, running a bowling alley, starting a driving school, and selling postage stamps to collectors. He lived frugally and invested wisely in the stock market, in cultivating blueberries, in oil and gas partnerships and real estate. Mr. Lalli was very successful.

Many years ago, Mr. Lalli and another local businessman became partners in various ventures, including some here in Acton. A charitable foundation was formed by these two individuals to do good works and share their success with other worthy individuals.

Melissa Rier, Recreation Director

Melissa (shown in photo above) received her Bachelor’s Degree from Bridgewater State University in Communications, and her Master’s Degree from Springfield College in Recreation Management. Melissa has been with the Acton Recreation Department since her hire in Spring 2011. Her experience working with children of all ages in the educational and recreational fields spans over 18 years. Melissa has many accomplishments she has achieved since joining the Town. Certifications include obtaining the distinguished Certified Parks and Recreation Professional (CPRP), She has become a Red Cross CPR, first aid and AED Instructor, Red Cross Lifeguard Instructor and most recently, became a Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI). Melissa is also certified by the state to teach infants, toddlers and preschool aged children.

Melissa oversaw the renovation/rebuild of three playgrounds including Goward, Jones Field, and currently the final stages of Gardner Field. She has also been in charge of NARA Summer Camp and NARA Beach and instrumental in the completion of the T.J. O’Grady Memorial Skate Park. Melissa worked diligently to work with committees helping to make Acton playground renovations come to fruition. Melissa in addition to daily Recreation Department operations, works on CPA projects, and helped create the 10-year NARA Master Plan (2016-2026), and is currently working on the 7-year Open Space and Recreation Plan.



LAUREN DOUCETTE

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

Please welcome the department's newest full-time dispatcher, Lauren Doucette. Lauren grew up in Maynard and previously worked in Littleton as a nanny and knows the area well. Lauren is finishing her degree at Curry College and also has prior experience working in customer service and is excited to pursue a career in Public Safety. We are looking forward to Lauren joining the team and bringing her skillset to the dispatch center.



JASON KIDDER

PUBLIC WORKS - HIGHWAY DIVISION

Please welcome the department in congratulating Jason Kidder on his recent promotion to Assistant Operations Superintendent for the Public Works Highway Division. Since joining the DPW in 2017, Jason has been instrumental in providing high quality work on all municipal public works projects. We look forward to Jason demonstrating his leadership skills in this new role.

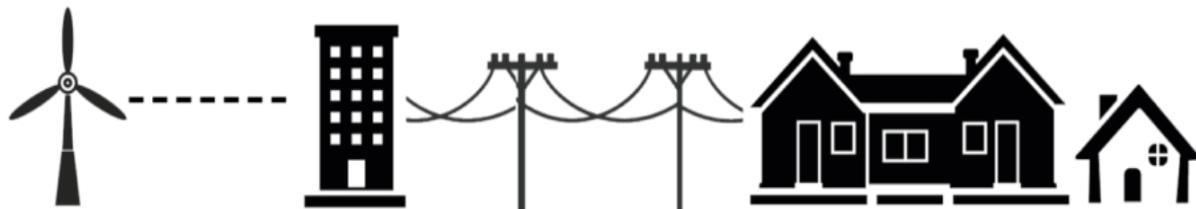


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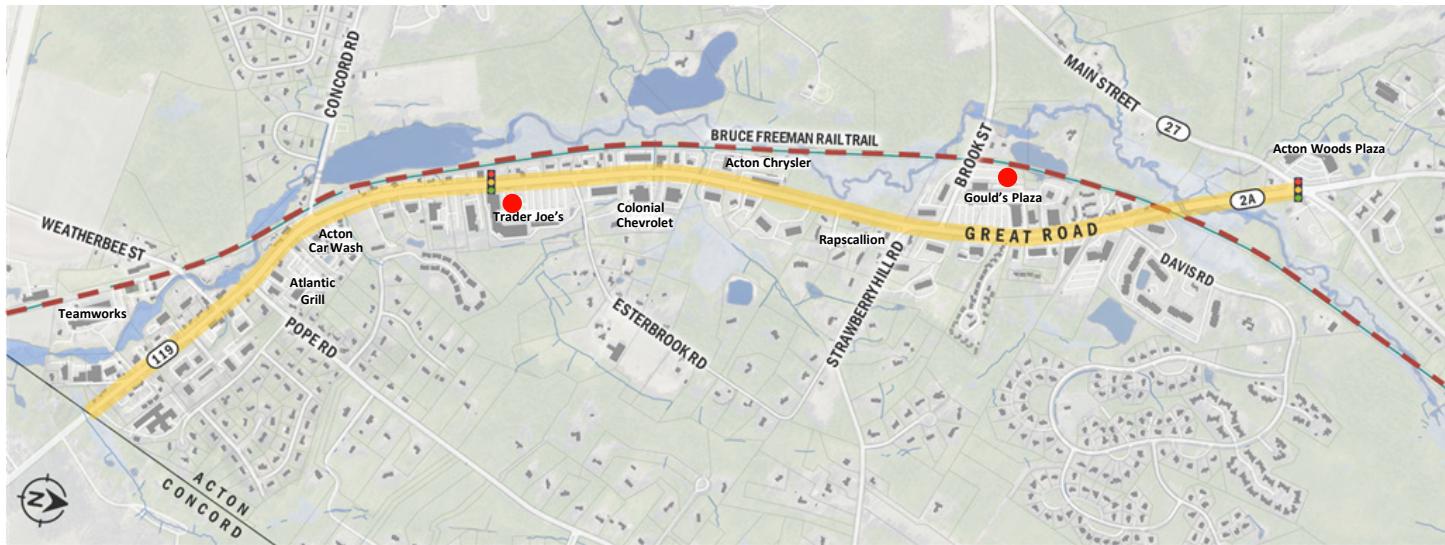
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Learn more at actonpowerchoice.com

GREAT ROAD

Complete Street Design



Pop-Up Feedback Session

Saturday, July 9, 2022
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Rain Date: July 10, 2022

Two Locations:

- **Brookside Shops, 145 Great Road**
- **Bruce Freeman Rail Trail at Gould's Plaza, 246 Great Road**

The Town of Acton will be preparing a Complete Street design for Great Road (Route 2A/119) between Main Street and the Concord town line. Complete Streets are roadways that safely and comfortably all users, regardless of age or ability or mode of transportation (walking, bicycling, driving or riding transit).



- Do you have a concern about walking, biking or driving on Great Road?
- Do you have an idea to improve biking, walking, or traffic safety along this corridor?



Scan the QR code to review project information, leave comments, see what your neighbors are saying, and check on project events.

For questions please contact:

Corey York, Director of Public Works
QinRui Pang, Town Engineer

engineering@actonma.gov

978-929-6630

RECREATION DIVISION

NEW THIS YEAR! Camp Hill Top - Ages 4-7 and CIT Ages 14-15

We're excited to make our new Camp Hill Top available to children ages 4-7, with CIT option for ages 14-15. Located at the Recreation Center, 50 Audubon Drive in South Acton, Camp Hill Top offers a wide range of fun, age-appropriate activities including arts & crafts, drama, sports, group challenges, nature, and special activities based on the weekly theme (Camp Hill Top operates separately from NARA Camp and with different themes). On Thursday afternoons campers are bussed to NARA Beach for swimming. Other days there is water play at Camp Hill Top home base. All health and safety protocols are followed. Register now at actonrec.com.

July 5-July 8: Mad Scientists Week (closed)
July 11-15: Superheroes Week
July 18-22: Olympics Week
July 25-29: Community Helpers Week

Aug. 1-5: Exploration Space Week
Aug. 8-12: Travel around the World Week
Aug. 15-19: Camp Hill Top's Got Talent Week
Aug. 22-26: Creepy Crawlers Week

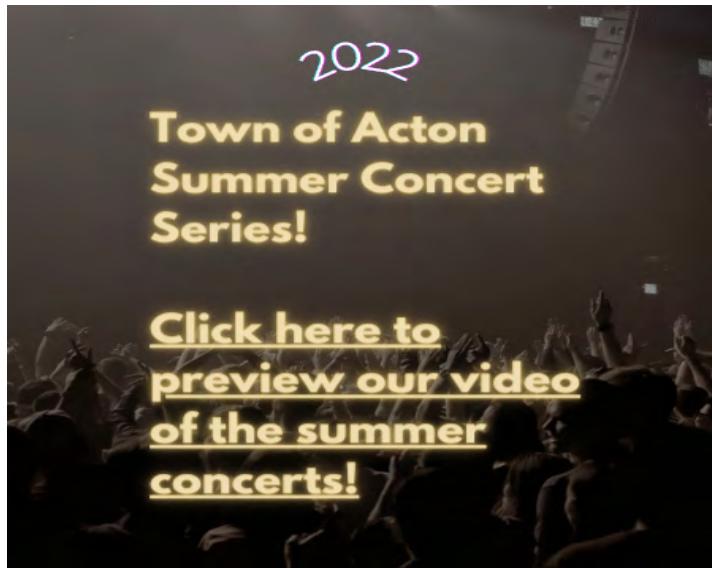
NARA Summer Camp - Ages 4-15

NARA Summer Camp creates an environment that encourages children to grow both physically and socially. Our dedicated staff works with peer groups to engage children in healthy outdoor activity along with enrichment opportunities that are challenging and fun. Additional special activities and field trips are based on the weekly theme. All health and safety protocols are followed. Register now at actonrec.com. *Sessions are filling up. Don't delay!*

July 5-July 8: Mystery Week (closed)
July 11-15: Pirate Week
July 18-22: Superhero Week
July 25-29: Olympics Week

Aug. 1-5: Carnival Week
Aug. 8-12: NARA Ninja Warrior Week
Aug. 15-19: Star Wars Week
Aug. 22-26: NARA's Got Talent Week





What to know, before you go...
 All concerts are lawn seating, general admission, so bring
 your own blankets and lawn chairs.

No sun shades after 7 p.m. due to trip hazards.
 Food, soft drinks, beer and wine are available for purchase.
 No alcohol permitted on premises without liquor permit.
 Pack a sweater as it can get chilly once the sun goes down.

BYO Mosquito Spray.

Picnic hampers welcome.

Children 10 & under free with paid adult.
 Discounted tickets available online until one day prior to
 show date. Tickets available at the gate beginning 1 hour
 prior concert time. Gates open 7 PM.

Parking is FREE.

THE HEAT IS ON! JULY FUN AT NARA PARK!

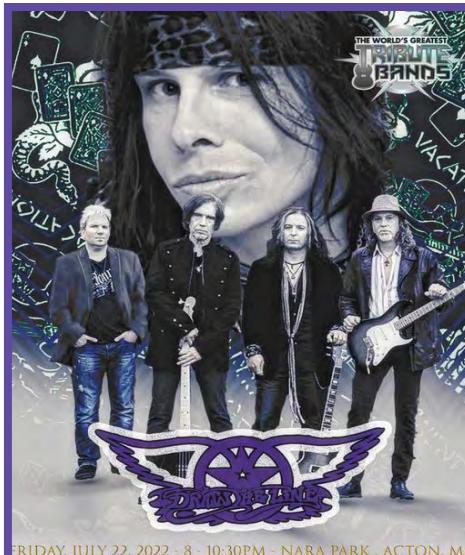


Learn more about Summer programs at actonrec.com

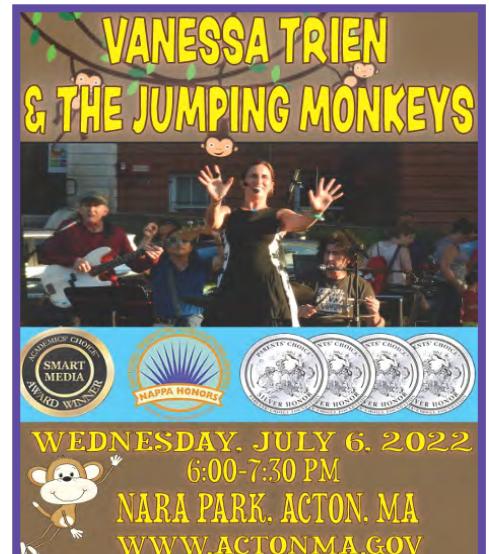
Fri, July 22 - \$20-25
 xTreme Queen



Fri, July 22 - \$20-25
 Draw the Line



Wed, July 6- Free



Sun, July 24 - Free



Acton Recreation provides a variety of programs for everyone. We have new programs starting this summer with all new Penguin Coding Clinics, Skyhawks Tennis, Super Soccer Stars, Amazing Athletes, bus trips and more! We're also adding our fall programs as they are being finalized so be sure to bookmark actonrec.com and check back often for updates. NARA Summer Camp and Camp Hill Top has limited availability and is still accepting registrations. Camp registration sign-ups close on Thursday at noon the week prior to camp session. Don't delay and register today to secure your child's summer plans.

Registration for programs and calendar of events can be found by visiting actonrec.com.

We are busy reserving field and facility rentals for the summer and fall. Please submit your application soon to secure your preferred date. Click [here](#) to access forms, fees and details. Please note that many dates have already been booked for the picnic pavilion.

Stay active, make new friends, connect with the community, and HELLO SUMMER!

**NARA BEACH NOW OPEN
THROUGH FRIDAY, AUGUST 26 - DAILY 9 AM-6 PM***

Click [here](#) for Beach Membership Form

Click [here](#) for Beach Rules and Regulations

Click [here](#) for Red Cross Swim Lessons

NEW THIS SUMMER, WE'VE ADDED

A FLOATING RAFT!

*Weather permitting and lifeguard safety ratio

PROGRAMS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION:

- Amazing Athletes (July-Aug.)
- American Red Cross CPR, First Aid & AED w/Acton Rec
- Adventure Art, Artist in Me, Mini Art -- New! With Suni Roy
- Baseball Clinic this summer with Skyhawks
- [Bus Trips](#) Overnight and newly added day trips!
- ***Camp Hill Top at the Rec. Center - All New for ages 4-7***
- Floral Arrangement Workshops with Cathy Fochtman
- ***NARA Summer Camp (weeks are filling up - don't delay)***
- ***Penguin Coding Classes - Welcome to Acton!***
- ***Pickleball! Returning this fall!***
- Soccer Super Soccer Stars (July-Aug.)
- Squash Women's Only Clinics, Adult Clinics and Youth Clinics with SquashWest in Acton
- Swim Lessons at NARA Park
- Tennis --Summer Clinic with Skyhawks
- Women's Pick-up Soccer with Acton Rec



Boston Parent Magazine Family
Favorite

Winner: Computer Science and Coding
Program for Kids 2019, 2021, 2022

Top 5: Academic Summer and STEM Summer
Camp 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

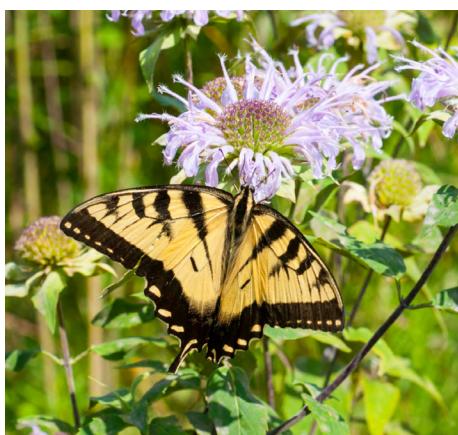


Registration Required For All Programs/Events / View Calendar for More Details

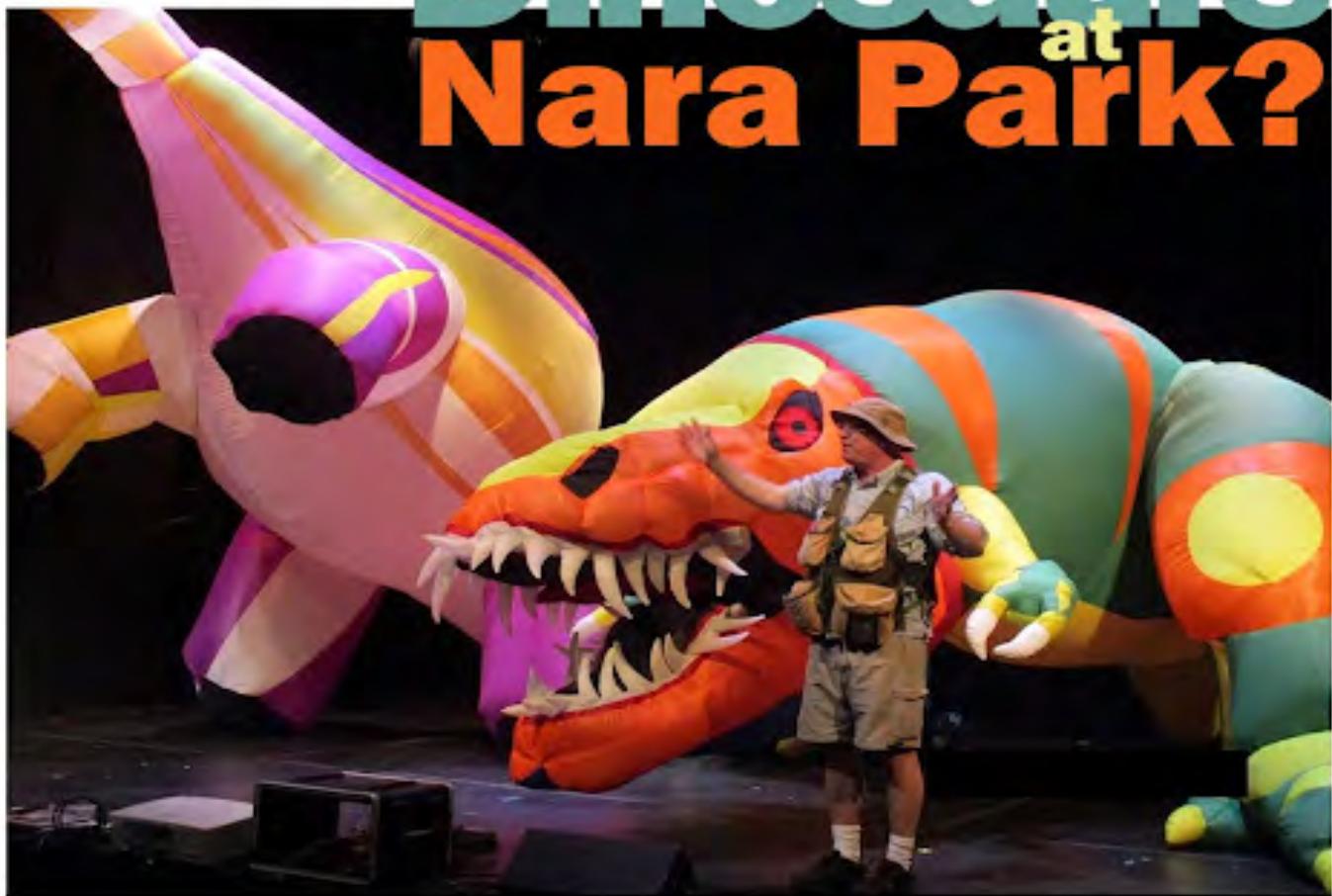
Children's Programs	Day and/or Date	Time
Baby and Toddler Storytime	Tuesdays	9:30-10 AM
Sing-a-long Story Time	Wednesdays	10:30-11 AM
Summer STEAM Workshop	Wednesdays	2-3:30 PM
Preschool Storytime	Thursdays	10-10:45 AM
Crafting in the Children's Room	Thursdays	4-4:30 PM
Lego Downhill Racing	Monday, July 11	3-4 PM
Lego Challenge	Monday, July 18	3-4 PM
Read to a Dog	Tuesday, July 19	4-5 PM
Jungle Jim -Camp Balloon Magic	Thursday, July 21	2-3 PM
Dinoman at NARA Park	Wednesday, July 27	10:30-11:30 AM
Hero Kids Role Playing Game	2nd Sat. of the Month	10-11:30 AM
Dungeons & Dragons	4th Sat. of the Month	10-Noon

Teen Events	Day and/or Date	Time
Summer Reading: Read Beyond the Beaten Path	June 22-August 24	n/a
Dungeons & Dragons for Teens	1st/3rd Sat. of the Month	10-Noon

Adult Events	Day and/or Date	Time
Summer Reading: Read Beyond the Beaten Path	June 22-August 24	n/a
Flower Arranging with the Garden Club	Thursday, July 7	4-5 PM
Native Plant Gardening for Wildlife	Tuesday, July 12	7-8 PM
Nature Photography with your Smartphone	Saturday, July 16	11-Noon
Bring Your Bike: Bicycle Anatomy Fit & Checklist	Monday, July 18	7-8 PM
Walking Tour of Ice House Pond	Wednesday, July 27	10-11 AM



Dinosaurs at Nara Park?



Acton Memorial Library presents

Dinoman at Nara Park July 27 at 10:30am

Please register for this and many more summer programs at
ActonMemorialLibrary.org/calendar

SUMMER STEAM

Every Wednesday
2pm
at the library

A different STEAM workshop every week:

Water Propelled Rockets
Rube Goldberg contraptions
Kite Making
Building Challenges
3D Design
Coding
and more!

Register on our website:
ActonMemorialLibrary.org/calendar

Jungle Jim!



Camp Balloon Magic is a 45 minute performance that features a variety of challenges for the "campers" in attendance: Big Balloon Sports (volleyball and basketball); Animal Identification; Magic 101; and of course, the giant 6-foot balloon!

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY PRESENTS

Jungle Jim, comic magician July 21 at 2pm

Please register for this and many more summer programs at
ActonMemorialLibrary.org/calendar

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging at the Senior Center offers in-person and virtual activities for residents age 60+. Hours of operation are: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8 AM to 5 PM, Tuesday 8 AM to 7:30 PM, and Friday 8 AM to noon. Visit our website www.actoncoa.com for the latest information or to view our newsletter. Don't forget to follow us on Facebook @actoncoa!

For seniors and their family members seeking information on social services, please contact COA Senior Services Coordinator Beverly Hutchings at 978-929-6652. She can provide information on home care, elder day programs, housing, food and fuel assistance, and other services. If you're turning 65 in the near future or have other Medicare questions, call Bev to book an appointment with a SHINE counselor to review your options.

JULY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS (SEE OUR NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS)

- **Wednesday, July 6, 1 PM:** Naomi Yamaguchi Classical Music Piano Concert, on our new piano
- **Tuesday, July 12, 9-11 AM:** Ask the Lawyer appointments with elder law attorney Margaret Hoag,
- **Tuesday, July 12, 5 PM:** Game Night
- **Wednesday, July 13 at 2 PM:** Aging in Place-Growing Older at Home with Acton Nursing Service
- **Thursday, July 14, 3 PM:** Virtual Real-Time Walking Tour of Bruges, Belgium
- **Tuesdays, July 19 & 26, 1 PM:** The Evolution of Popular Music lecture/performance
- **Tuesday, July 19 at 2 PM:** Mocktail Hour Cool off with an alcohol-free strawberry daiquiri
- **Thursday, July 21, at 1 PM:** How to Fall presentation by physical therapist Dr. Courtney L'Hussie
- **Tuesday, July 26, 12 PM:** Memory Lane Café for people with memory impairment
- **Thursdays, through July 28, 9 AM:** Words Galore via Zoom with Val Walker
- **Wednesdays, through July 13, 9 AM:** Taking Better Pictures with Your Smartphone
- **Thursday, July 28, 1 PM:** Estate Planning Tips with Attorney Alexander McIsaac



Mocktail Hour at the Sr. Center lounge is a fun social event! Join us for the next Mocktail Hour on Tues., July 19 at 2 PM

COUNCIL ON AGING

EVEN MORE FUN AT THE SENIOR CENTER!

Include a variety of fitness classes, movies, a gym with senior-friendly equipment, and drop-in groups including art and Mah Jongg. A caregiver support group facilitated by Julie Norstrand, PhD, MSW meets Tuesdays at 2:00 via Zoom, for anyone caring for an older adult.

Stop by the Senior Center to view the summer art exhibit featuring the work of the Quail Ridge Camera Club.

MEALS

The Minuteman Senior Service dining site offers in-person lunches Monday through Thursday at noon. Grab and Go lunches continue to be offered Monday through Friday. Sign up at least 24 hours in advance in person or by phone 781-221-7098.

SIGN UP WITH THE COUNCIL ON AGING FOR THESE CULINARY EVENTS:

- **Tuesday, July 12 at noon:** Chef Gary McGuire is preparing lunch
- **Tuesday, July 19 at 5 PM:** The Acton Fire Department BB
- **Wednesday, July 20 at Noon:** Benchmark at Robbins Brook is providing lunch
- **Tuesday, July 26 at 2 PM:** The Acton Woman's Club is serving strawberry shortcake

Please let us know if you are away for the summer and we will put your newsletter on hold. You can also sign up for a digital copy of the newsletter or other COA notifications at www.actoncoa.com and click on the link under "News" on the home page. To be added or removed from the paper newsletter mailing list, please contact us at 978-929-6652 or seniorcenter@actonma.gov.

MONDAY MOVIE MATINEES IN JULY OPEN TO OUT-OF-TOWN SENIORS/FREE.

Shown with closed captioning, when available.

After being shown, some of these DVDs will be available to borrow from the resource shelf in the lounge.

Monday, July 11th, 1:00-2:50 PM: The Trip (2010, unrated, coarse language)

British actors and buddies Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon star as fictionalized versions of themselves as they hit the road for a tour of England's finest restaurants. There is no writer credited as much of the film is improvised and there are plenty of laughs and masterful impressions.

Monday, July 18th, 1:00-3:00 PM: Spencer (2021, R for language & disturbing images)

Portrait of Princess Diana as she struggles with her mental health and disintegrating marriage during the Christmas holidays with the Royal family. Diana is played by American Kristen Stewart in an Oscar-nominated performance.



Red Sox themed food truck served seniors dinner with ice cream supported by a grant from CHNA15

Monday, July 25th, 1:00-2:50 PM: The Trip to Italy (2014, unrated, coarse language)

British actors Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon return in this comedic tour of Italian restaurants in Liguria, Tuscany, Rome, Amalfi, and Capri. Film offers plenty of comedy and beautiful scenery.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

New Child Care Subsidy Program for Families Beginning 7/1/22

Families residing in Acton who are at or below 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level are eligible to apply for the child care subsidy. Click [here](#) for more information.

Services for Individuals and Families Under the Age of 60*

The Community Services Coordinator provides comprehensive professional social services to town residents under the age of 60. Information and referral resources are provided in conjunction with local, state and federal programs. **Confidential assistance is provided in the following categories:**

- Connection to resources for basic needs (fuel, food assistance, emergency funds)
- Food Pantry and Food Resource Information
- Assistance with MassHealth, Fuel Assistance and SNAP applications
- Substance Abuse Resource Information for youth/adults
- Crisis intervention, support services
- Assistance with referrals for mental health services
- Assistance with applications for subsidized & affordable housing programs
- Career and legal services resources
- Domestic Violence Resources



July 13th 2022 from 10am-4pm

To sign up for an appointment contact
Sandra Orellana (508) 371-4029

Spanish and Portuguese Interpretation Available



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Immigration Attorneys



13 de Julio del 2022 10am-4pm

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Sandra Orellana (508) 371-4029

Interpretación en español y portugués disponible



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Abogados de Inmigración

FUEL UP FOR SUMMER

A KID'S LUNCH AND SNACK PACK

If you find it financially difficult to provide daily nutritious lunch and snacks for your kids while they attend summer programs, Open Table can help.

OPEN TABLE'S WEEKLY KID LUNCH AND SNACK PACK CONTAIN:

- 3 lunches such as wrap sandwiches, veggies and dips, fruit salads and cheese, and pasta salads.
- 3 individually portioned snack foods, such as granola bars, goldfish crackers, apples, raisins, and fruit cups.
- Select a lunch, snack and drink each day for your child's lunch box or bag.
- Our packs are always peanut free.



KIDS PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE STARTING JUNE 21TH FOR PICK UP AT:

Open Table 33 Main Street, Maynard

Tuesdays: 3:00 to 6:30 PM

Thursdays: 1:00 to 4:30 PM

No cost, safe and private. No photo ID or proof of financial need required.

To guarantee availability, **packs must be reserved in advance**.

To reserve packs, *order online by Monday at noon* for the week of pick up.

Online form: <https://www.opentable.org/order-form/>

Call: (978) 369-2275

Email: orders@opentable.org



← scan the QR code for the online form



DIRECTORY OF TOWN DEPARTMENTS

TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE - (978) 929-6600 | VISIT US ONLINE AT ACTONMA.GOV

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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
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