



# TOWN OF ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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## TOWN SERVICES HOTLINE

**978.929.6600**

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Thursday: 8 AM - 5 PM

Friday: 8 AM - 2:30 PM

**Closed: Mon, Oct. 9, 2023**

## TOWN HALL & HUMAN SERVICES

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday: 8 AM - 5 PM

Tuesday: 8 AM - 7:30 PM

Wednesday: 8 AM - 5 PM

Thursday: 8 AM - 5 PM

Friday: 8 AM - 12 PM

Saturday - Sunday: Closed

**Closed: Mon, Oct. 9, 2023**

## ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## HOURS OF OPERATION

### Fall Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - 8 PM

Friday - Saturday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Sunday: 1 PM - 5 PM

**Closed: Mon, Oct. 9, 2023**

Do you have photos taken in Acton? Submit them to [photos@actonma.gov](mailto:photos@actonma.gov) and we'll feature them in future publications. Visit page 20 for a special opportunity to enter your best Acton photo for the OSRP!

## TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Dear Residents,

I hope you're well as we step into the vibrant colors of October. Our community was impacted by fast-moving and damaging storm on September 8th. This storm caused thousands of power outages, dozens of road closures, and numerous emergencies. At one point there were more than 60 locations in town with power lines down impacting roadways. Thank you to our public safety dispatchers, firefighters, police, public works, building inspectors, and social services team members who worked around the clock to respond to the storm. I am proud of our how our employees responded and also how members of the community helped each other out during the storm and the days that followed. A month later our public works staff are still working to clear debris, repair sidewalks, and restore our town's infrastructure. Included below are a few photographs of that day.



**Minot Ave**





**Hosmer Street**



**Concord Road**





**RYAN FARRELL**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Ryan Farrell was recently hired as a part-time Dispatcher for the Acton Public Safety Facility Communication Center. Ryan also serves as a Traffic Attendant for the Town of Acton. Ryan has eighteen years' experience as a Public Safety Dispatcher for the Town of Lincoln. For much of his career he held the position of Lead Dispatcher. Ryan holds an A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice from Massachusetts Bay Community College. Ryan enjoys spending time with his family, mountain biking, writing and illustrating, and cooking.

We look forward to Ryan's continued service to the Town of Acton.



**IAN BERGEMANN**

### **PLANNING/CONSERVATION DIVISION**

The Planning/Conservation Division welcomed it's newest hire, Ian Bergemann, this summer as the Town's Land Stewardship Coordinator. Ian has already hit the ground running organizing volunteer events and conducting post-storm cleanups of town conservation trails. Ian is originally from Branford, CT and recently finished up his M.S. in Environmental Studies at Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU). Prior to working in Acton, Ian was the President of the Friends of Outer Island, a US Fish & Wildlife Refuge non-profit organization. In his spare time Ian enjoys hiking, backpacking, traveling, collecting vintage records and caring for his 100+ house plants.



Members of Town Boards and Committees are volunteers who enjoy spending a few hours (usually in the evening) with their fellow residents helping the Town of Acton run efficiently while remaining a pleasant place to live. There are currently more than 30 boards and committees dealing with a broad range of Town and regional interest.

For further information on a certain board or committee, [follow this link](#) to that board's page. Another excellent way to find out what a board or committee does is to attend its meetings. The meetings of all boards and committees are listed in the calendar on this website. It is recommended that you verify the meeting schedule before the meeting because sometimes they change.

Members of most of the Town boards and committees are appointed by the Select Board. The Town Manager and Town Moderator also appoint member to boards. To apply, please fill out the [Acton Volunteer Application](#) and deliver it to the Town Manager's Office located at Town Hall, 472 Main Street, Acton.

### **‘MAIN STREET’ SMALL BUSINESS ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM.**

**SIGN-UP BY OCTOBER 9TH!**



**Photo taken at the ‘Main Street’ Acton Small Business Energy Efficiency Launch on Sept 11;**  
**Pictured:** Town of Acton Sustainability Office (Lauren West, front right); Economic Development Office (Kj Herther, front left), Acton Select Board Chair (Jim Snyder Grant, front 2nd from right) with AECOM Eversource team

The ‘Main Street’ Acton Small Business Energy Efficiency Program was launched on Sept. 11 offering up to 90% off energy efficiency upgrades! Additional energy efficiency funds may apply. The Town of Acton & Sustainability Office are excited to be part of a ‘Main Street’ Massachusetts program to help small businesses reduce their energy use, carbon footprint and save money on utilities. Eversource (through AECOM), our local Mass Save Sponsor will bring energy savings to Acton-based small businesses with increased Mass Save incentives for weatherization and energy-efficient upgrades. To get started, schedule a no-cost, no obligation energy assessment for your Acton small business with AECOM at [bit.ly/AuditReg](https://bit.ly/AuditReg) or call (617) 371-4512 by \*October 9\* to be guaranteed the enhanced incentive. Apply for the additional savings of up to \$2,000 through the Town by filling out the following form: [bit.ly/ABEEGapp](https://bit.ly/ABEEGapp). Funds are available first come, on a rolling basis. For more info & tips on ‘how to green your biz’, visit the Acton Sustainability Office website at [www.actonma.gov/sustainability](https://www.actonma.gov/sustainability) or e-mail [sustainability@actonma.gov](mailto:sustainability@actonma.gov).

### **CONGRATULATIONS ON THE GRAND OPENING RIBBON CUTTING OF THE ACTON-BOXBOROUGH RESOURCE CENTER (ABRC) AT 15 CHARTER ROAD, ACTON**

The ABRC is a place where any resident of Acton and Boxborough can come to learn about all that our community has to offer. It’s an AB United Way partnership with Acton-Boxborough Regional School District to create this space for neighbors to access the resources they need to thrive and find a true sense of belonging. Thank you to Senator Eldridge, Representative Cataldo, Representative Sena, Town of Acton, AB School & community officials and residents for supporting this welcoming community initiative!





## 6TH ANNUAL ACTON CHILDREN'S BUSINESS FAIR

**SAT, OCTOBER 7, 2023**

**NOON - 4:30 PM**

**NARA PARK IN ACTON**

The Children's Business and Entrepreneur Fair is a one day fair for children to create and launch their own business that in Acton and has spread nationally (CONGRATS to local fair organizer Ronit and friends!). The Town of Acton Economic Development Office is a proud local event Sponsor & supporter! Thank you to the growing number of local town, business & community sponsors including the Acton Economic Development Office, Mathnasium, Huntington Learning Center, Silver Unicorn Bookstore, Dunkin', Acton Academy, the Acton School of Business, ActonTV, Acton Boxborough PIP STEM and the generous support of many business & community donors and volunteers.

Become a local Business & Non Profit Sponsor, volunteer & share the event with your employees to attend! Food Vendors Welcome. Click [here](#) to learn more and visit the Acton Children's Business Fair Facebook page for news and updates by clicking [here](#).



**Children's  
Business  
Fair**

**Saturday, Oct-7th, 2023**  
**12:00 NOON - 4:00 PM**  
**Nara Park, Acton-MA**

**Come check out the  
Acton Children's Business Fair**

**a marketplace for young  
entrepreneurs, ages 6-16**

*Where kids become entrepreneurs for the day !!*

**Learn More at:**  
**childrensbusinessfair@gmail.com**  
**1-978-758-2452**  
**[https://www.childrensbusinessfair.org/  
acton-ma](https://www.childrensbusinessfair.org/acton-ma)**

Scan this code!





# OKTOBERFEST

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## West Acton Village OKTOBERFEST

sponsored & organized by  
West Acton Village Merchants Association (WAVMA)

**Come enjoy and explore all that  
your growing community has to offer!**

**Saturday, October 14**

**10am–3pm • Gardner Field • West Acton Village**

**ALL DAY  
LIVE MUSIC + FOOD COURT**

**West Acton Village Merchants Association**

Check out our Facebook page for updates and details: @WestActonVillageMerchants

[www.WestActonVillage.org](http://www.WestActonVillage.org)

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## **ACTON IS HIRING!**

Please find below current positions open with the Town of Acton as of Wed, Sept. 27, 2023. Please **[click here](#)** to view the details of each position and/or apply. Please e-mail **[hr@actonma.gov](mailto:hr@actonma.gov)** if you have any questions.

### **HEAD OF PATRON SERVICES ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

**Closes October 10, 2023**

### **LIBRARY ASSISTANT 1 - MATERIAL SERVICES**

**Closes October 9, 2023**

### **POLICE OFFICER**

**Open Until Filled**

### **SEASONAL - SNOW PLOW CONTRACTORS/HIRED DRIVERS**

**Closes October 13, 2023**

The Town of Acton is seeking Seasonal Workers for Snow Plowing with the Dept. of Public Works. Call the Acton DPW/Highway Division for Rates (978-929-7740) or e-mail **[highway@actonma.gov](mailto:highway@actonma.gov)**. To Apply: Contact the DPW/Highway Division directly 14 Forest Rd, Acton MA 01720 or e-mail to **[highway@actonma.gov](mailto:highway@actonma.gov)** to obtain an application packet. Acton is an EOE.

**Applications must be received no later than October 13, 2023.**

### **STAFF LIBRARIAN II - SUNDAY REFERENCE**

**Closes October 10, 2023**

### **TRUCK DRIVER/ SKILLED LABORER**

**Open Until Filled**





# *Town of Acton* **PHOTO COMPETITION** *2023-2030 OSRP*

Submit your favorite photo(s) of Acton's nature, open space and/or recreation with your name and the location that the photo was taken. Chosen images will be included in the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan!

## **TO SUBMIT A PHOTO**



SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR CAMERA

←  
OR EMAIL [PHOTOS@ACTONMA.GOV](mailto:PHOTOS@ACTONMA.GOV)



# Enjoy the fall foliage with the Minuteman Bike Share

**Bicycles are rented by the hour and can be  
returned to any of our 4 stations across Acton &  
Concord along the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail.**

To rent:

1. Download the Koloni App and Create an account
2. Scan the QR code on the bike
3. Unlock the bike and off you go!
4. Return and lock the bike at one of the four stations, selecting "End Rental" in the App.

**Find out more at**  
[minutemanbikeshare.square.site](https://minutemanbikeshare.square.site)



# ACTON BUSINESS ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM

Are you the owner of a business in Acton interested in reducing your energy use while increasing savings? Read on to learn more about the Acton Business Energy Efficiency Grant (ABEEG) Program!

## ABOUT THE ABEEG PROGRAM

Acton's Select Board approved the use of **ARPA funds** to support **energy efficiency improvements for businesses** as part of the Acton Business and Energy Efficiency Grant (ABEEG) Program.

ABEEG will provide eligible business owners in Acton with reimbursement **grants up to \$2,000** to **mitigate the financial impacts of improving the energy efficiency** of their physical location. The Town will allocate up to \$20,000 for this program.

## HOW IT WORKS

Each business signs up for an energy efficiency audit from a Mass Save Sponsor (visit [bit.ly/AuditReg](https://bit.ly/AuditReg)). During an audit, energy efficiency experts assess energy use to provide customized recommendations for cost and energy savings.

Next, businesses apply for ABEEG at [bit.ly/ABEEGapp](https://bit.ly/ABEEGapp) to receive up to \$2,000 in Town funding.

Once selected energy efficiency upgrades are completed, businesses pay the cost in full and then send receipt of payment to the Town for reimbursement.

## HOW TO APPLY

### 1 Sign up for an Energy Efficiency Audit

Sign up for a no-cost, no-obligation assessment from an AECOM small business Energy Efficiency Expert at: [bit.ly/AuditReg](https://bit.ly/AuditReg).

### 2 Apply for Additional Savings

Once you've signed up, apply for additional savings of up to \$2,000 through the Town by filling out the following form: [bit.ly/ABEEGapp](https://bit.ly/ABEEGapp).

**Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until October 25, 2023. Grant awards will be announced in the order that applications were received through November, 2023.**

Visit [bit.ly/ABEEGinfo](https://bit.ly/ABEEGinfo) for more information and to check if your business qualifies for ABEEG.

Please reach out to the Sustainability Office with any questions at 978-929-6515 or [sustainability@actonma.gov](mailto:sustainability@actonma.gov).







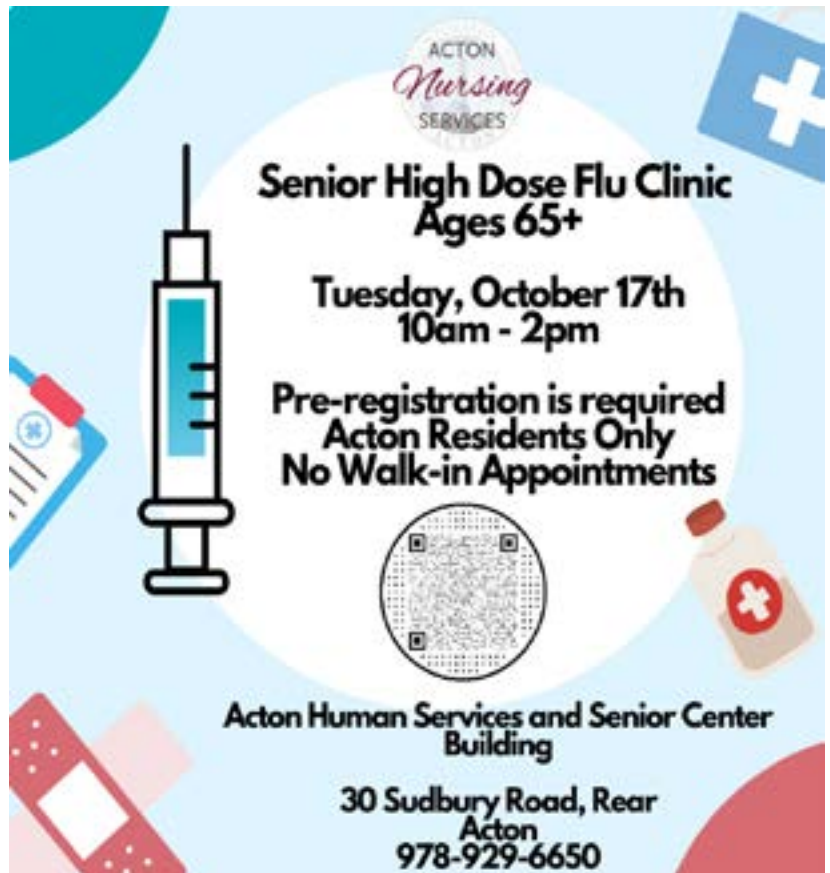
**Please join Acton  
Nursing Services for  
their annual  
Senior Flu Clinic!**

Fluzone High Dose  
Quadrivalent vaccine will be  
available for those 65+ and is  
covered by insurance.

**Pre-registration is required!**

No walk in appointments. Vaccine is  
limited. Click [here](#) to schedule your  
appointment. You will be re-directed  
to the Color scheduling system  
through the MA Department of Public  
Health for the clinic time choices.

Please call Acton Nursing Services  
with any questions: 978-929-6650



## HEALTH DIVISION

### NARA STROLL WALKS

**JOIN OTHERS FROM THE COUNCILS ON AGING IN  
ACTON, BOXBOROUGH & LITTLETON AND THE  
ACTON NURSING SERVICE**

**FOR CONVERSATION, COFFEE , PASTRY AND A  
STROLL AROUND NARA PARK**

**This event will be held at NARA Park and we will  
meet at the two red buildings (near Miracle Field)**

**71 QUARRY ROAD, ACTON, MA  
TUESDAYS , OCT. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31st  
FROM 10-11 AM**



Please meet us at the Upper Parking  
lot located off of 71 Quarry Road or  
park in the lower lot and walk up hill to  
upper fields. There is a patio near the  
two red buildings. For more information  
, please contact Sheryl Ball at [sball@actonma.gov](mailto:sball@actonma.gov)  
or at 978-929-6632 or  
after October 16th (I will be re-tired)  
please contact Heather York [hyork@actonma.gov](mailto:hyork@actonma.gov)  
or 978-929-6650

Funding for CHNA 15 is provided from  
Lahey Hospital and Medical Center  
and Winchester Hospital through the  
Massachusetts Department of Public  
Health's Determination of Need (DoN)  
process. This grant is  
administered by the Acton Health Division

# Acton Rides Program



Eligible residents can now schedule free taxi rides during nights and weekends:

- Monday-Friday between 3 p.m. and 11 p.m.
- Saturday-Sunday between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Residents who are eligible include:

 Adults aged 50 and up

 Individuals with a demonstrated financial need

 Individuals with limited driving ability due to a disability

 Active-duty military members or veterans

All rides must begin or end in Acton and are capped at a maximum of 25 miles.



For more information or to apply, contact the Transportation Office at 978-929-6611 or [transportation@actonma.gov](mailto:transportation@actonma.gov).

**NAMI (NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL HEALTH)  
presents  
A FREE COURSE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILY CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN AND  
ADOLESCENTS WITH EMOTIONAL OR BEHAVIORAL ISSUES.**

**REGISTER FOR THE VIRTUAL FALL 2023 COURSE (FREE)**

Meets via Zoom weekly on Tuesdays from 6 - 8:30 PM  
beginning October 17, last class on November 21

Registration link: [Basics Course Fall 2023](#)

E-mail to connect with the instructor (Ingrid) [lledeman@comcast.net](mailto:lledeman@comcast.net).

**NAMI BASICS COVERS**

- Managing crises, solving problems, and communicating effectively
- How to take care of yourself and handle stress
- Developing the confidence and stamina to support your child with compassion
- Advocating for your child's rights at school and in health care settings
- Learning about current treatments, including evidence-based therapies, medications, and side effects
- Gaining an overview of the public mental health care, school, and juvenile justice systems and supporting resources to help you navigate these systems
- Understanding the challenges and impact of mental health conditions on your entire family



# ACTON-BOXBOROUGH RESOURCE CENTER

*a project of AB Schools, powered by Acton-Boxborough United Way*



## Visit Us

Drop in to talk with our volunteer greeters. They are happy to answer your questions about Acton and Boxborough, refer you to local resources, and help you access what you need to thrive.



## Explore Online

Discover local resources anytime on our Resource Site. Explore by topic or use the search feature to look for something specific.



## Volunteer

Join us in welcoming new neighbors and connecting residents to resources. Visit ABUW's Volunteer Central to explore volunteer opportunities with ABRC & throughout the community.

Learn  
More



**Acton-Boxborough Resource Center • 15 Charter Road, Acton**

ACTON RECREATION  
AND  
PUMPKIN GUTS PRODUCTIONS  
PRESENTS:

# NIGHTMARE AT NARA

EVERY FRIDAY AND  
SATURDAY IN OCTOBER,  
AND HALLOWEEN  
7:00 - 9:30 PM

Go to our website for tickets and more info on  
NARA's very first haunted walk through:  
[PumpkinGutsProductions.com](http://PumpkinGutsProductions.com)



SCAN ME





**Monster Bash**  
**Blacklight DJ Dance Party**

- COSTUME CONTEST
- DJ DANCE PARTY
- MUMMY WRAP

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023**  
**FROM 6-8:00 PM**  
**NARA PARK AMPHITHEATER**  
**25 LEDGE ROCK WAY, ACTON**

**GATE ADMISSION**  
**\$5 PER PERSON-ALL AGES OVER 2**

**EVENT GEARED FOR KIDS GRADES K-6**  
**NO RAIN DATE**

**FALL AND WINTER  
PROGRAMS  
NOW OPEN FOR  
REGISTRATION**

- **ARCHERY (AGES 9-99)**
- **DODGEBALL (AGES 8-12)**
- **FLOORBALL (AGES 8-12)**
- **GYM GAMES (AGES 7-10)**
- **SCHOOL VACATION  
AND SCHOOL DAYS OFF  
PROGRAM (AGES 5-12)**
- **CUB SOCCER (AGES 3-5)**

**MORE WINTER  
PROGRAMS COMING  
SOON INCLUDING:  
CRAFTY KIDS, CARDS  
& COFFEE  
KIDS INDOOR SPORTS**



**Hollywood Nights - Bob Seger Experience**  
**Aug. 11 at NARA**



**Kids Concert Night featuring Mr. Vic**  
**Aug. 23 at NARA**

The Council on Aging at the Senior Center offers services and activities for residents age 60+

- **Location:** Human Services Facility at 30 Sudbury Road Rear
- **Contact us:** [seniorcenter@actonma.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@actonma.gov) or (978) 929-6652
- **Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8 AM to 5 PM, Tuesday 8 AM to 7:30 PM, and Friday 8 AM to Noon
- **Information:** Visit our website [www.actoncoa.com](http://www.actoncoa.com) where you can get the most up-to-date information and view our newsletter. Follow us on [Facebook @actoncoa](#)

For seniors and their family members seeking information on area social services, please contact COA Senior Services Coordinator Beverly Hutchings at 978.929.6652. She provides information on home care agencies, elder day programs, housing options, food and fuel assistance, and a variety of other services. ABRHS students will be raking senior's yards on November 9. Please call the COA by October 13 to enter the lottery.

Happy to Chat is a program designating areas for people to gather that are open to meeting new people. Look for "Happy to Chat" signs in a variety of places at the Senior Center!

### **October program highlights: Most programs are free to Acton seniors!**

#### **See our newsletter for details.**

- **New! Singing Group** with Ed Knights starts this month, Wednesdays, October 4 and 18, 1 PM
- **Neck Pain Presentation** with Dr. Josh Kaplan, Thursday, October 5 at 1 PM
- **Visit with Bodacious the Golden-Doodle** therapy dog each Wednesday, 10 AM to noon
- **Book Discussion Group**, Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus, Tuesday, October 10, 10 AM
- **Caregiver Support Group** meets via Zoom at 3 PM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month; this month's dates are Tuesdays, October 10 and 24
- **Drop-in tech help with Rebecca** from Acton Memorial Library, Thursday, October 12, 10-11 AM
- **The Golden Age of Silent Film** with Richard Hughes, Thursday, October 12 at 1 PM
- **Understanding and Caring for Older Adults with Cognitive Decline** presentation via Zoom with Dianne Savastano, Thursday, October 12 at 1 PM, registration link in the COA newsletter
- **Elevate Your Fitness: Aging with Style and Vitality**, with Dr. Naseem Chatiwala, PT, DPT, NCS, Tuesday, October 17 at 4 PM
- **Importance of Good Posture** in avoiding falls with staff from LifeCare of Acton, Wednesday, October 18 at 2 PM
- **Wool Needle Felting** art class with Magda Stilmant, Wednesday, October 18 at 1 PM
- **Maximize Your Well-Being** with Positive Psychology Tools with Miriam Diamond via Zoom from home or Senior Center, Thursday, October 19 at 1 PM
- **Medicare Check Up** presentation with SHINE counselor Leslie Madge, Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 1 PM
- **History of Halloween** discussion with Dawn Gomez, Wednesday, October 25 at 1 PM



- **Poet of the Month:** Sarah Orne Jewett via Zoom with Val Walker, Thurs, Oct. 26 at 10:30 AM
- **Classical Music Favorites & Hidden Gems** with Sivan Etedgee, Thurs, Oct. 26 at 12:30 PM
- **Memory Lane Café** for those with memory impairment and their care partners, Tuesday, October 31 at Noon
- **Commonwealth of Catastrophe: A Brief History of Floods, Fires, and Other Disasters** with Paolo Di Gregorio, Tuesday, October 31 at 1 PM
- **Between Us Sisters: A Living History Dialogue with Louisa and May Alcott**, Thursday, November 2 at 1 PM

**ONGOING CLASSES INCLUDE:** line dancing, the Works of Thornton Wilder seminar, storytelling workshop, line dancing, Words Galore via Zoom, and drawing/watercolor class—call COA about availability.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** We offer exercise classes for all fitness levels, gym with senior-friendly equipment, drop-in activities including movies, genealogy group, Mah Jongg, life discussion group, and chess. Don't miss the Friends of the Acton Council on Aging vintage costume jewelry sale on October 18 from 9 AM - 2 PM!

**MEALS:** The Minuteman Senior Service (MMSS) dining site offers in-person lunches Monday through Thursday at noon for \$2 donation. Anyone celebrating a birthday receives a free lunch the second Thursday of the month! Grab and Go lunches continue to be offered Monday through Friday. Sign up for lunch at least 24 hours in advance in person or by phone 781-221-7098. MMSS offers weekday continental breakfast served from 8:30 to 10 AM, featuring items such as bagels, yogurt, and juice. The COA partners with Open Table to provide free frozen meals as well as Healthy Helpings heart-healthy meal packages to seniors; contact the COA for more information.

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### MAKE A RESERVATION WITH THE COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SPECIAL CULINARY EVENTS:

- **Our popular lunch café on Wednesdays is being expanded to include Thursdays!** It is open from 11:30-1:30 PM, all ages are welcome, and there is a new menu each week, \$6/item
- **Lunch with Chef McGuire**, Tuesday, October 10 at noon, shepherd's pie, \$3
- **Benchmark at Robbins Brook lunch**, Tuesday, October 17 at noon, baked ham, \$3
- **Dinner by Doug from Boston Events**, Tuesday, October 24 at 5 PM, lasagna, \$5
- **Monthly breakfast**, Friday, October 20 at 9 AM, \$3; followed at 9:45 by Java with John featuring Town Manager John Mangiaratti



*Photo: A full house at the Sr. Center for last month's First Responder Appreciation Lunch*



**ART EXHIBIT** features the paintings of students who have participated in the Senior Center's watercolor class taught by Fran Hewitt.



**Photo**  
*The CarFit event at the Senior Center is a great opportunity to make adjustments so your car fits you safely.*



**Photo**  
*Bodacious the therapy dog and Zane the APD comfort dog brighten people's day at the Senior Center*

**Newsletter:** Did you know that you can subscribe to the monthly newsletter online? Family members are encouraged to see what we offer and may be of interest to their older family members. It just takes a moment at: <https://actoncoa.com/list.aspx>

If you have already or will be turning 60 this year, you will be receiving the September newsletter. Understandably you may not be ready to join our vibrant community just yet so we ask that you let us know if you would like to continue to receive further editions, otherwise you won't get one until next September. Please contact us at [seniorcenter@actonma.gov](mailto:seniorcenter@actonma.gov) or 978-929-6652.





## **LIBRARY HOURS**

**MONDAY - THURSDAY: 9 AM - 8 PM**

**FRIDAY - SATURDAY: 9 AM - 5 PM**

**SUNDAY: 1 – 5 PM**

**CLOSED MONDAY, OCT. 9: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY**

## **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

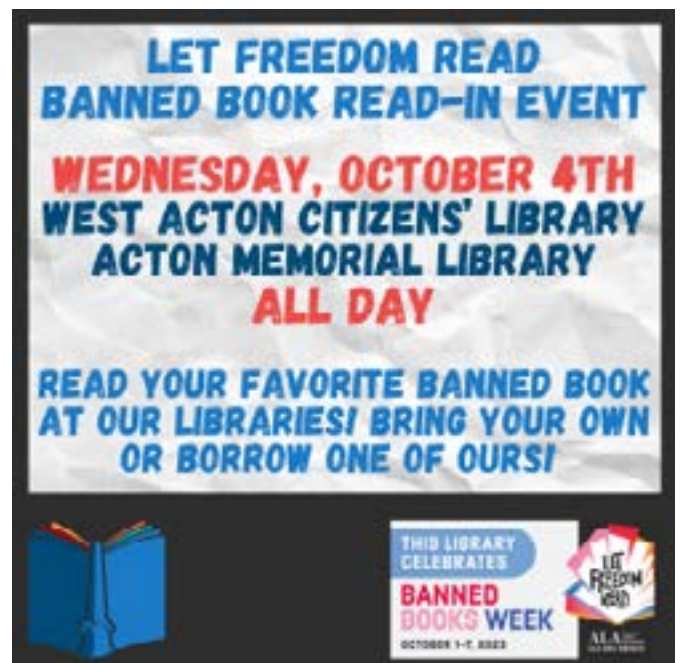
- Baby Toddler Storytime with Ms. Amy, Tuesdays, 9:30 - 10:30 AM
- Singalong Storytime, Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10 AM
- Preschool Storytime at the Library, Thursdays, 10 - 10:30 AM
- Storytime at West Acton Citizens' Library, Thursdays, 3 – 3:30 PM
- Children's Crafting for 1st Grade and Up, Thursdays, 4 - 4:30 PM
- Pre-K to 1st Grade Crafting, Fridays, 10 - 10:30 AM
- Book Club for 2nd and 3rd Grade with Ms. Elise, Tuesday, October 3, 4 – 5 PM
- Read to a Dog, Tuesdays, October 3 and October 17, 4:30 – 5 PM
- Early Release: Beginning 3D Design with Tinkercad, Wednesday, October 4, 2 - 3:30 PM
- ABUW Students United Storytime, Saturday, October 7, 10 – Noon
- Read to Goats, Tuesdays, October 10 and October 24, 4 – 5 PM
- Read to a Horse, Tuesdays, October 10 and October 24, 4 – 5 PM
- Book Club for 4th and 5th Grade with Ms. Elise, Tuesday, October 10, 6:45 - 7:45 PM
- Early Release: Bug Hunt w/ Discovery Museum at the Library, Wed, October 11, 2 - 3:30 PM
- Sensory Storytime, Fridays, October 13, October 27, 11:30 – Noon
- Hero Kids Role playing Game, Saturday, October 14, 10 - 11:15 AM
- Club 678 Workshop: Create Your Own "Wreck this Journal", Tuesday, October 17, 4 – 6PM
- Early Release: Ghost Rockets, Wednesday, October 18, 2 - 3:30 PM
- Early Release: Make a Lava Lamp, Wednesday, October 25, 2 - 3:30 PM
- D&D for 5th and 6th Graders, Saturday, October 28, 10 - Noon

### TEEN PROGRAMS

- D&D for Teens, Grades 7+, Saturdays, October 7 and October 21, 10 - Noon
- Teen Advisory Board, Wednesday, October 25, 3 – 4 PM

### ADULT PROGRAMS

- English at Large Conversation Group, Mondays, 1 - 2:30 PM and 6:30 – 8 PM
- Yarn and Needle Club, Tuesdays, October 10 and October 24, 3 – 4 PM
- Let Freedom Read Banned Book Read-In, Wednesday, October 4, 9 AM – 8 PM
- From Pine Hawk to Trail Through Time, Thursday, October 5, 7 -9 PM.
- Asian Art Series: Hidden Meanings in Chinese Art w/ Linda Lei, Sun, Oct. 8, 2:30-3:30 PM.
- Connecticut's Indigenous Communities: An Introduction, Wed, Oct. 11, 7- 9 PM
- Breathe for Change, Fridays, October 13, October 27, 10- 11 AM
- Haunted Gingerbread Decorating & Contest, Saturday, October 14, 1 – 3 PM
- History of the Nashobah Praying Indians Book Discussion, Monday, October 16, 7 – 9 PM
- Acton Memorial Library Book Discussion Group, Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 – 8 PM
- An Evening with Author Melissa Lozada-Oliva: Candelaria - A Novel, Tues, Oct. 17, 7 – 8 PM.
- Literary Café: From Memories to Memoirs - Two Writers Discuss Authentic Storytelling, Thurs Oct. 19, 7:30 - 8:30 PM
- I Hiked Acton's Trails Book Club, Friday, October 20, 1 – 3 PM.
- Friends of Acton Libraries Book Sale, Sat, Oct. 21, 9 AM – 4 PM and Sun, Oct. 22, 1 – 4 PM
- The Sand Hill Site in Wayland, Wednesday, October 25, 7 – 9 PM
- Friends of Acton Library Apple Pie Competition, Sat, Oct. 28, 2 – 4 PM and Sun, Oct. 29, 3 – 4 PM





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