

# Town of Littleton

## Newsletter



Issue 16

September 2025



*The Town of Littleton is planning to build a new Shaker Lane School. We would like to encourage all residents to visit the [Shaker Lane School Building Project website](#) for continuous updates.*

### Town Directory

Town Offices Main—[978-540-2400](#)

Town Clerk—[978-540-2401](#)

Accounting—[978-540-2440](#)

Assessor—[978-540-2410](#)

Building—[978-540-2420](#)

Cemetery—[978-540-2480](#)

Conservation—[978-540-2428](#)

Elder & Humans Servs—[978-540-2470](#)

Fire Station—[978-540-2302](#)

Health—[978-540-2421](#)

Highway—[978-540-2670](#)

Human Resources—[978-540-2455](#)

LCTV—[978-540-2488](#)

Library—[978-540-2600](#)

Parks & Rec—[978-540-2490](#)

Planning—[978-540-2425](#)

Police—[978-540-2300](#)

Tax Collector—[978-540-2405](#)

Town Administrator—[978-540-2460](#)

Transfer Station—[978-540-2674](#)

Treasurer—[978-540-2450](#)

Veteran Services—[978-540-2485](#)

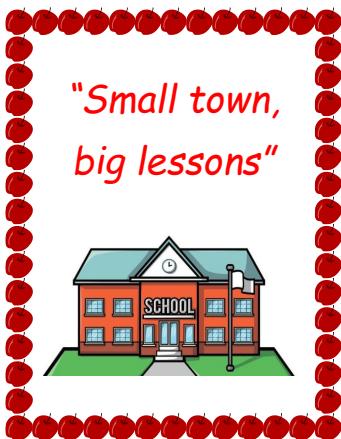
### Message From Your Select Board



As the summer winds down, the Select Board calendar picks back up. In September we will be finalizing the warrant for the October 28 Special Town Meeting. The major item at the meeting will be the replacement of Shaker Lane School, which will require a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote to pass. A second vote – a ballot measure on November 1 to authorize the debt exclusion to pay for Littleton's portion of the new building costs – must *also* pass by a majority. These votes represent our only opportunity to take advantage of a \$38.1 million state grant towards the costs of building the new school. We hope that you will make a plan to attend Special Town Meeting on October 28 and to go to the polls on November 1 for these crucial votes. In the meantime, you can learn more about the need for the new building, the anticipated costs, the new school design, and more and more at the [Shaker Lane Building Project website](#).

Three Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) are now installed and operational on Great Road. The beacons are located at Baldwin Hill Road, Castle in the Trees, and New Estate/Pond Side intersections of King Street. We are thrilled that these RRFBs were operating on the first day of school to keep Littleton's children and all residents safer. Thanks to our state officials, Mass DOT, and LELD for making this happen! Keep your eyes peeled for additional RRFBs on Goldsmith near Shaker Lane, to be installed this Fall.

Select Board office hours will resume soon. Stay tuned to the Town website for a schedule. We hope to see you there!



## From the Desk of the Town Administrator



I'm not letting this go. I feel strongly about this issue. Not replacing our outdated Shaker Lane School can have significant negative impacts on both students' education and Littleton as a whole. The current school lacks modern infrastructure, technology, and learning resources, which are essential for providing a high-quality education. Students in such environments may struggle with inadequate classrooms, along with gym, art, music and science areas due to space challenges, and limited access to digital tools, hindering their academic growth and preparedness for future challenges.



On a broader scale, by not building a new school, I don't see how the town does not suffer from the stagnation of our early educational standards, which the entire community has worked so hard to achieve. Remaining with an obsolete school can create a perception of a lack of progress, discouraging prospective families and educators from settling in the area. This can lead to decreased town reputation, lower property values, and reduced economic development. Additionally, the community misses out on the opportunity to attract talented teachers and innovative programs that modern facilities can support.

Building codes and safety standards evolve over time. The school building as it stands today lacks adequate space, proper ventilation, which hinders the teacher's ability to teach and the students' ability to learn. Furthermore, the building does not meet contemporary safety requirements, including seismic standards, fire codes, and accessibility guidelines. Rehabilitating the building for compliance will cost the Littleton taxpayer MORE than building the proposed new school and may still leave gaps in safety.

What? Modular classrooms are the temporary solution? Is eleven (11) years temporary? The proposed construction start date will signify 11 years since Littleton applied to the MSBA and was accepted into their Program. (I can assure you, it's going to be longer than 11 years the next time we have an opportunity to have the financial support of the MSBA for a new Shaker Lane School) Modular's, while temporarily helpful, often lacks the full integration of facilities, resources, and aesthetic quality necessary for fostering engagement and collaboration among students, never mind the outrageous cost.

Investing in a new, modern grammar school can have numerous positive impacts on the community. It can serve as a catalyst for new families and encouraging local businesses to thrive. State-of-the-art facilities not only enhance the learning experience for students but also foster a sense of pride and unity within the community. Look at the positive impact of our new Library and Senior Center have had. A well-equipped school will attract high-quality teachers and staff, who are essential for providing a competitive and comprehensive education. This, in turn, prepares students better for their education that's ahead of them.

## From the Desk of the Town Administrator



Community involvement and support are crucial in this process. By investing in education infrastructure, the town demonstrates its commitment to its residents and the future of its youth. Such investment can lead to increased property values, improved safety, and a more vibrant, dynamic community where everyone can thrive. Neglecting to build a new grammar school could have long-term detrimental effects. Conversely, proactive investment is a strategic move that benefits students, families, and the entire community, paving the way for Littleton's continued sustainable growth and prosperity.



In closing, I have focused so much on the structure, and I have yet to mention one vital component in Littleton's educational system, the teachers and staff. Through all the challenges the children face at the Shaker Lane School, the real heroes are the teachers and staff. Having witnessed the dedication, resourcefulness, enthusiastic, and supportive attitude of the teachers and staff during a typical day, which from someone not familiar to the demands and expectations in a school environment, would appear to be chaos, whereas in actuality, it's a finely tuned machine. Thank you for all you do, day-in and day-out!

Respectfully,  
Jim

## Employment Opportunities - as of published date

[Please visit the Human Resources Page for updates](#)



# DPW Updates



## TOWN OF LITTLETON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

39 AYER ROAD, P.O. BOX 1305  
LITTLETON, MASSACHUSETTS 01460  
(978) 540-2670



### Tips and Reminders for use of the Towns Transfer Station

- Solid Waste (trash) must be disposed of in a PAYT purple bag.
- The PAYT bags are one time use only.
- A sticker must be purchased prior to use of the Transfer Station.
- The swap shop is available for reusable household items in good condition. Please do not leave **Hazardous Materials, Medical waste, Medical Supplies or broken/unusable items**. These items are prohibited and can result in fines and/or suspension of the Transfer Station use sticker.
- The cardboard compactor is for **cardboard and mixed paper only**. No packing materials, Styrofoam or plastic bags are accepted in the cardboard compactor.
- Hazardous Waste can be disposed of at the Devens Regional Household Hazardous Products Collection Center for a fee. Please see [www.devenshhw.com](http://www.devenshhw.com) for more information.
- Later this fall, The Town will be installing an additional compactor at the transfer station to offer a more streamlined process for single stream recycling. As this project begins, signage and additional information will be posted at the transfer station and on the Towns website to help with the process.
- Additional information about the Transfer Station, recycling information PAYT bag information and links to fee's and regulations for the Transfer Station can be found on the Transfer Station web page [www.littletonma.org/225/Transfer-Station](https://www.littletonma.org/225/Transfer-Station)

**DPW**

**If you have an issue with the PAYT bags**



**Please Contact  
WASTEZERO**

**1-800-866-3954**

**[customerservice@wastezero.com](mailto:customerservice@wastezero.com)**

Please have the following information when calling or emailing WasteZero.

Name:

Home Address:

Location of where bags where purchased:

Size of Bag:

Lot Number (this will be a large bold black number on the bag):

Issue with Bag:

# Health Department



## Tick Awareness & Free Tick Kits

Tickborne disease is on the rise in Massachusetts. Protect yourself when enjoying local trails or your backyard by wearing long sleeves, tucking pants into socks, and using EPA-approved repellents. The Littleton Board of Health and Council on Aging are offering **free tick removal kits**, while supplies last—stop by the Health Department or Center on Shattuck Street Building to pick one up! Always check yourself, your kids, and pets for ticks after being outside. Early removal greatly reduces the risk of Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses. To learn more information about ticks click here: [Tick Information](#)

## September is National Preparedness Month

This is a perfect time to make sure your household is ready for emergencies. Take a moment to review your emergency plans at home and at work. Make sure you have a basic emergency kit and have a way to stay informed during severe weather or power outages. Even small steps, like keeping extra water, non-perishable food, and flashlights on hand, can make a big difference in a crisis. Preparing now helps protect you and your loved ones in any unexpected situation.

# Library



Click [HERE](#) to sign up for the Library Newsletter

[View Book Top Choices](#)



## September 2025 News & Events from the Reuben Hoar Library

Please visit [www.littletonlibrary.org](http://www.littletonlibrary.org) to register for events.

### A Fond Farewell and Happy Retirement to Two Beloved Colleagues

This summer, the Reuben Hoar Library family is saying goodbye to two extraordinary librarians whose dedication, warmth, and passion have shaped our community for many years.

After 13 years as our Head of Circulation, Julie Bernardi is retiring. Julie has been the friendly face at the heart of our library, ensuring that everything runs smoothly. She has juggled the endless details of circulation work with grace and good humor, always going above and beyond to make everyone feel welcome. Her deep care for both her staff and our patrons has left a lasting mark, and her absence will be felt in every corner of the library. Julie is leaving us at the end of August.



After 21 years as our Children's Librarian, Diann Haduch is also retiring. Diann has been a guiding light for countless children and families, introducing young readers to the magic of books and fostering a lifelong love of learning. From lively Storytimes to creative programs, she has inspired generations, turning the Children's Room into a place of joy, imagination, and discovery. Her warmth, creativity, and genuine connection with children will be deeply missed. Diann is leaving at the end of September.

Julie and Diann, thank you for your many years of dedication, your compassion, and your immeasurable contributions to the Reuben Hoar Library. You have each made this library more than just a building with books, you've made it a home for our community. We wish you both happiness, adventure, and relaxation in the next chapter of your lives.

You will always be part of the Reuben Hoar Library story.

# Library

RHL Reuben Hoar Library  
Serving Littleton since 1887

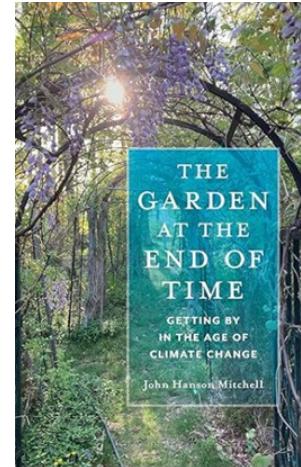


## Adult Programming

### **The Garden at the End of Time: Getting by in the Age of Climate Change**

- Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm in the Sturtz Room**
- John Hanson Mitchell has long written about his garden outside of Boston, and about the plants and animals with whom he shares this land. In 2022, the United Nations and others started reporting the true severity of the climate crisis as the Earth passed a point of no return. All across the globe it was the worst year on record for climate-related disasters, including extinctions, deadly floods, massive fires, and dramatic droughts, all of which have worsened since that year. Mitchell, like so many, felt overwhelmed. He looked to the story of Voltaire's Candide, and settled on the famous aphorism from that book: "We must cultivate our garden."

Please join us for this author talk.



### **Ocean Wave Bracelets with Sue Underwood (Arts & Crafts for Adults)**

- Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Sturtz Room**

Join Sue Underwood in this fun and exciting arts and crafts project. Sue will provide the kits which have all the beads, findings, and necessary tools to complete each project. Each student will be given step by step instructions on how to assemble each project.

**Registration is full**

### **Mis-Adventures with Invasives**

- Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Sturtz Room**

Join us for this educational presentation with Judith Taylor on invasive plants.

Non-native plant species have been introduced to our ecosystem, often with unintended consequences. They can outcompete native vegetation, disrupt ecological balance, and even pose threats to human health. In this presentation, we explore the identification, management, and surprisingly, some beneficial uses of common invasive plants in New England.



# Library



## Adult Board Game Night

- Thursday, September 25th at 6pm in the Murray Room

Board game night for adults only. We have plenty of board games or you can bring your own!

## Appraisals with Rick Keller

- Saturday, September 27th at 2pm in the Sturtz Room

- Rick Keller, from Perfect Pastime 617, is offering a free appraisal event. So gather up all your Pokémon/sports cards/memorabilia, coins, watches, video games/consoles, comics, fine/broken jewelry, sterling silver, etc. to see if you have treasure or trash! All antiques and collectibles are welcome!

Rick is a Foxborough native who has been involved in the industry for many years. He has generously allotted some time to share his valuable knowledge with all who attend.



**Registration is required.** Registrants will be assigned a 10-minute appointment slot and will need to supply photos well before the event on what they plan on bringing in. For appraisals, please fill out the linked google on our calendar which goes live on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Teen Room

### Teen LoFi Study Lounge

-Wednesdays at 2:30pm in the Murray Room

Walk-in to the Lo-fi Study lounge in the Murry Room! Study or do homework after school from 2:30-4:30pm while listening to some quiet Lo-fi beats! Groups welcome. Quiet conversation and homework help encouraged.

### Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

-Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6:00pm  
in the Sturtz Meeting Room

Do you hear the call to adventure? Then join us every other Thursday from 6:00 to 7:30 PM for Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club! Open to ages 11 and up, bring your friends and get ready to start your quest. Dice are available to share, and James can help with printing character sheets and explaining the rules.



# Library



## Children's Room

### Toddler Storytime

**-Fridays at 10:30am & Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Sturtz Room**

Join Miss Jennifer for an action-packed storytime! We will explore a different theme each week with books, songs, movement and instruments. This storytime is most appropriate for children ages 18 months - 3 years.

**PLEASE ONLY SIGN UP FOR ONE SESSION PER WEEK! THANK YOU! :)**

### PJ Story Time

-Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30 pm in the Murray Room

Bring your favorite stuffie or blanket, wear your PJs, and join us for some fun bedtime stories!



### First Connections Playgroup for Children 0-12 months old

**-Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the Sturtz Room**

In this playgroup, babies will have the chance to play with some age-appropriate toys to support their development, based on the Ages and Stages Questionnaire. Caregivers will also have a chance to check in with one another and the facilitator to share wins, ask questions, and get support for challenges. We will also sing songs and read a book each week. All caregivers are welcome, but please make arrangements for older siblings to keep little ones safe.

**Sign up by emailing Linda at [lmatthews@jri.org](mailto:lmatthews@jri.org) to register.**



### Lego Club for ages 6 and up

**-Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm in the Sturtz Meeting Room**

Come in and play with our THOUSANDS of Legos! Please sign up online as space is limited.

# Library



## Book Clubs:

### **Laid Back Book Club 2.0**

-Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:00pm in the Murray Room

A book club with NO assigned reading? Where do I sign up?

Welcome to the Laid Back Book Club, a different kind of book club. There are no assigned readings, and you don't even have to talk if you don't want to. And you don't have to sign up. Just come to the Library on the 1st Tuesday of the month with the book of your choice.

### **Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club**

-Tuesday, September 16th at 6:30pm in the Murray Room

The Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club features an eclectic selection of books for casual discussion for all interested. This run, we are focusing on two book series:

*The Murderbot Diaries, Martha Wells*

*The Southern Reach, Jeff VanderMeer*

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 from August to April.

Those interested in joining on Zoom, contact librarian Jeff Henry at [jhenry@littletonlibrary.org](mailto:jhenry@littletonlibrary.org)

### **Murderbot**

*Rogue Protocol; Exit Strategy*

### **Third Wednesdays Book Club**

-Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00pm in the Murray Room

## Library Schedule:

**Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> - Closed for Labor Day**

**Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – Delayed Opening for Staff Meeting.  
We will open at 1pm today.**





# Police Dept



July 2025

Calls	1670
911	273
Arrests	6
Incidents	64
Citations	117
Crashes	13

## Civil Rights Symposium:

Lieutenant Landry and Officer Abu attended the Civil Rights Symposium hosted by the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC). This event brought together law enforcement professionals, researchers, and community leaders to engage in important discussions about civil rights, justice, and the latest trends in antisemitism. Littleton Police has many resources available to help anyone who needs services. Anyone in need of assistance is encouraged to contact us at 978-540-2300.



## Littleton Police Department -Traffic Safety Grant Update

The Littleton Police Department is projected to complete its participation in the Massachusetts Traffic Safety Grant program FY25, successfully reaching the final 6th tier of this year's grant cycle. This funding has supported our ongoing commitment to roadway safety through enhanced enforcement, targeted patrols, and public awareness initiatives.

With the grant's assistance, our officers have been able to focus on reducing impaired and distracted driving, increasing pedestrian crosswalk compliance, and addressing speeding in key areas of town. These efforts directly contribute to safer travel for all residents and visitors.

As we conclude this year's grant period, the department is proud of the progress made and looks forward to applying for future grant opportunities.



# Fire Dept



LITTLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2025  
**OPEN HOUSE**



OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup>  
11 AM-1 PM

A **FREE** FAMILY EVENT

**KIDS FIRE HOUSE**  
**BOUNCE HOUSE**  
**FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING**  
**AUTO EXTRICATION DEMO**  
**GIVEAWAYS AND MORE**



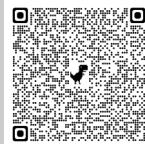
20 FOSTER STREET, LITTLETON MA  
CALL US AT 978-540-2302 OR MESSAGE US FOR QUESTIONS

**FUN FOR ALL**



**Calendar of Meetings & Events**

Check website for updates, additions &amp; cancellations

[www.littletonma.org/calendar](http://www.littletonma.org/calendar) or scan barcode for live calendar

# September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>Town Hall Closed</b>	2 <a href="#">School Committee - Joint Meeting w/ Select Board, Shaker Lane School Building Committee &amp; Finance Committee - September 2nd, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Multi-Purpose Room 1 (Center on Shattuck Street)</a> <a href="#">Conservation Commission Meeting - September 2nd, 2025 @ 7:30 PM - Virtual</a>	3	4 <a href="#">Planning Board Meeting - September 4th, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)</a>	5	6
7	8 <a href="#">Select Board Meeting - September 8th, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Room 103 (Town</a>	9 <a href="#">Park and Recreation Commission Meeting</a> <a href="#">Police and Fire BBQ</a>	10	11 <a href="#">Littleton School Committee Meeting - LCTV Room</a>	12 <a href="#">Deadline for Petitions for STM Articles to Town Clerk September</a>	13
14	15 <a href="#">Charter Committee Meeting - September 15th, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)</a>	16 <a href="#">Affordable Housing Trust Meeting - September 16th, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Hybrid: In-Person, Room 103 (Town Hall) &amp; Virtual via Zoom</a>	17 <a href="#">Community Preservation Committee Meeting - Hybrid: In-Person Room 103 (Town Hall) &amp; Virtually via</a>	18	19	20
21 <a href="#">Littleton Road Race</a>	22 <a href="#">Select Board Meeting - September 22nd, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Room 103</a>	23 <a href="#">Shake Lane Info Session</a>	24	25 <a href="#">Littleton School Committee Meeting - LCTV Room</a>	26	27
28	29 <a href="#">Charter Committee Meeting - September 29th, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)</a>  Flu/Covid vaccination clinic Sept 29th 3-6 pm Senior Center	30				



# Current Board Vacancies (Appointed by the Select Board)

Click [HERE](#) for a list of all Boards/Committees



Applications are invited from residents of the Town of Littleton for the following Town board positions appointed by the Select Board. Application forms are available online at <https://littletonmaboardsvt.s.net/newcaf.php> or at the Office of the Select Board/Town Administrator - Town of Littleton, 37 Shattuck Street, Littleton, MA 01460. Application submissions will be accepted and interviews/appointments will be made by the Select Board on a rolling basis until the positions are filled.

## **APPOINTED BY THE SELECT BOARD:**

- **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

One (1) member (engaged in farming, employed in the agricultural field and/or with knowledge/experience in agricultural practices / business) - term expiring June 30, 2027

One (1) citizen-at-large - term expiring June 30, 2027

- **COMMITTEE FOR THE EXPLORATION OF REAL ESTATE TAX RELIEF FOR SENIORS**  
Two (2) members – term expiring June 30, 2028

- **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Two (2) associates - term expiring June 30, 2026

- **DISABILITY COMMISSION**

One (1) member with a disability (or family member) - term expiring June 30, 2028

- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Two (2) members – No expiration date

- **LITTLETON COMMUNITY TELEVISION (LCTV) ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

One (1) member - term expiring June 30, 2028

- **MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

One (1) member - term expiring June 30, 2028

- **PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

One (1) member – term expiring June 30, 2029

- **PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

One (1) member – terms expiring June 20, 2028

- **SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

One (1) member – term expiring June 20, 2028

- **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

One (1) member – term expiring June 30, 2028

One (1) alternate - term expiring June 30, 2026

One (1) alternate - term expiring June 30, 2027

One (1) alternate - term expiring June 30, 2028

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### APPOINTED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- FINANCE COMMITTEE  
One (1) member - term expiring June 30, 2027

### APPOINTED BY LELWD (Littleton Electric Light and Water Department)

- FINANCE COMMITTEE  
One (1) member - term expiring June 30, 2028

# Conservation Commission



## Spotlight: Wildfire and Drought

The hot temperatures and low rainfall we've experienced this summer are increasing the likelihood of a drought, as well as increasing the chance of wildfire on our conservation lands. Extended periods without rain leave forests, fields, and wetlands unusually dry, creating conditions where even a small spark can spread into a dangerous blaze. Drought not only heightens the risk of ignition but also stresses plants and wildlife, making habitats less resilient and slowing the natural recovery process after fire. To learn more about drought and get the latest information on the drought levels across Massachusetts, go to [mass.gov/drought-monitoring](http://mass.gov/drought-monitoring).



**While fire is a natural part of the ecosystem, uncontrolled burns can threaten houses, infrastructure, and future ecological regeneration.**

### What can you do to help?

#### **On Town Conservation Land:**

- Remember that building campfires or discharging firearms is not allowed on Town Conservation land and trails.
- Don't litter! Ensure cigarettes are fully extinguished before disposing in a trashcan.
- Report any signs of fire right away.



#### **On your own property:**

- Avoid outdoor burning or fireworks during dry periods.
- Check that lawnmowers, grills, or vehicles aren't giving off sparks near dry grass or brush.
- Store firewood away from your house or other structures.
- Conserve water to reduce water stress in the future.

Thank you for doing your part to help protect Littleton's Conservation Lands!

<https://www.littletonma.org/620/Conservation-Commission>

# School Committee



## Greetings from the Littleton School Committee!

We're excited to begin a new school year together, filled with continued opportunities for learning and growth. The first day for students was Tuesday, August 26, and it was great to have the schools bustling with energy once again.

We'd like to share an exciting update about plans for a new Shaker Lane School. During the summer, the Shaker Lane Building Committee completed the schematic design phase of the Shaker Lane Building Project and submitted it to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). On August 27 the MSBA Board of Directors

moved the Shaker Lane building project into the design phase, which is an important threshold on our way to a new building. The board approved a grant of approximately \$38 million, based on a review and audit of all project costs incurred by the town. This is a larger grant than we were anticipating, which will ultimately reduce the cost to taxpayers. For up-to-date numbers on the estimated tax implications for residents, please see [yesforlittleton.org](http://yesforlittleton.org). The YES for Littleton website is also a convenient place to get answers to a wide range of questions residents may have about the project.

We, as Littleton citizens, have an important role to play in order to receive this grant from the MSBA. The town needs to vote to approve the project. **A special town meeting will be held on October 28th. If a "yes" vote passes, the Town of Littleton will hold a ballot vote on November 1st.** We strongly encourage our community's active participation in this crucial vote.

This project affects all of us, whether or not we have school-aged children. High quality schools and a community that cares for its youngest citizens are values we all share.

There are several upcoming opportunities to learn more and speak directly to the people involved with the project:

- **Join a YES for Littleton Community Meeting, held every other week until Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, October 28:**
  - Friday, Sept 5, 7:00–8:00 pm, Reuben Hoar Library Sturtz Room
  - Monday, Sept 15, 7:00–8:00 pm, Reuben Hoar Library Murray Room
  - Tuesday, Sept 30, 7:00–8:00 pm, Reuben Hoar Library Murray Room
- **Attend a Shaker Lane Tour & Info Session, hosted by the Shaker Lane Building Committee:**
  - Tuesday, October 21, 6:30–8 pm, Shaker Lane School
- **Find YES for Littleton at a town event**
  - Saturday, October 4, Oktoberfest, *hosted by Littleton PRCE*
  - Saturday, October 25, Trunk or Treat, *hosted by Littleton PRCE*



## Littleton Road Race



# Littleton Road Race

### 5k Race and 1 Mile Fun Run

The Littleton Road Race began in 2008 and continues annually as a fundraiser to build and maintain our track and field facility. Projects funded by the road race include new landscaping, the addition of a pole vault box and pit, the school track records board at the high school, and summer track and field programs to introduce new runners to the track.



**Sunday**

Sep21, 2025



**1 Mile then the 5K**  
2:00PM & 2:30PM

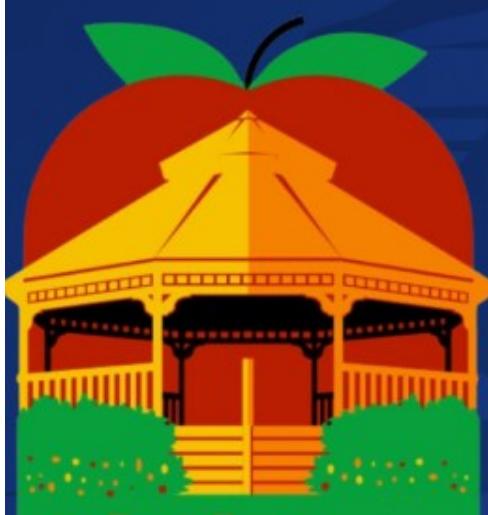


**Fay Park, Littleton**  
20 Foster St. Littleton

**5K \$45  
1 Mile \$15  
Prices  
Increase  
9/8/24**



**SCAN ME TO REGISTER**



### THANK YOU TO OUR GOLD SPONSORS



Rotary Club of Littleton MA

## Hager Homestead



### A Choice For Life With Good Neighbors After 55



#### Hager Homestead

Are you looking for a vibrant, supportive place to call home? We are New England's first senior cohousing community of caring neighbors (55+) living in private homes overlooking a beautiful meadow.

#### Come to an Info Session and Tour!

We have moved in and are interested in showing you around!

**When: Sunday, September 14, 2025 4 – 6 pm**

**Info Session 4 - 5pm followed by optional tour of the property right next door!**

**Where: Reuben Hoar Library, Sturtz Room**

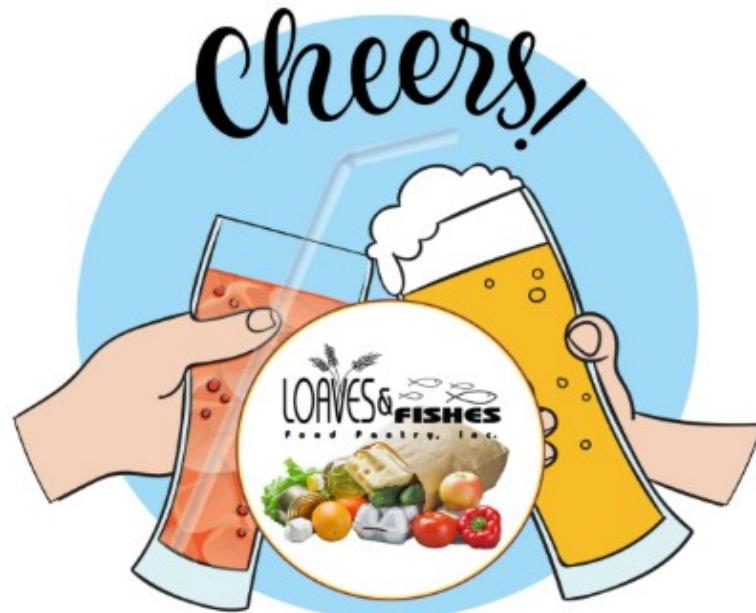
35 Shattuck Street, Littleton, MA 01460

**Please RSVP to [hagerhomestead@gmail.com](mailto:hagerhomestead@gmail.com)**

**Hager Homestead, 336 King Street, Littleton, MA**

**For more info, go to [www.hagerhomestead.org](http://www.hagerhomestead.org) or call us:  
978-907-0432**

## Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry



**Helping to Feed Our Community  
For Over 40 Years!**

**Join us at Dirigible Brewing Co.  
Every drink gives \$1 to the Pantry  
Good times, great cause!**



**Tuesday, Sept. 9th  
5 PM to 8 PM  
24 Porter Road, Littleton, MA**

- ★ Beer and Nonalcoholic Drinks Available
- ★ Non-Perishable Donation Box at the Door!
- ★ Food Available for Purchase From BBQ Underground
- ★ 50/50 Raffle with Other Great Prizes from Local Businesses!

**Welcome to Littleton—Below are some helpful links regarding topics commonly requested from new Littleton residents.**



**Register to vote**

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>

**Register your dog(s)**

<https://www.littletonma.org/424/Dog-Licenses>

**Check out Littleton's community cable TV aka: LCTV (watch live or recordings on demand!)**

<https://www.littletonma.org/323/Littleton-Community-Television>

**Elder & Human Services**

Outreach Services are available to all Littleton residents, regardless of age.

Check out their activity calendar & sign up for their newsletter!

<https://www.littletonma.org/226/Elder-Human-Services>

**Park & Recreation and Community Education**

<https://www.littletonma.org/158/Parks-Recreation-Community-Education>

It's not just for kids! Check out the 'Community Education' & 'Special Events' buttons. This is also where to go for Beach stickers.

**Enjoy our Open Spaces & Walking Trails**

<https://littletonconservationtrust.org/trail-guide/>

**Littleton Light & Water Department (aka LELWD) is our provider for electricity & town water and sewer**

<https://www.lelwd.com/>

**Info on the sewer project**

<https://www.littletonma.org/1082/Sewer>

**Information on trash & the transfer station**

<https://www.littletonma.org/225/Transfer-Station>

Littleton does not offer trash pickup. Trash pickup is done by hiring a private company (similarly to hiring your landscaper). We don't have a preferred vendor.

**Historic slideshow of Littleton's distant past into more current days (10:30 minutes)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A97Ek2c7m1s>

**All these links & more are found within our Town of Littleton webpage**

<https://www.littletonma.org/>

**Enjoy discovering Littleton!**

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## Additional Town Resources



[Littleton Public School District](#)



[Littleton Electric Light & Water Department \(LELWD\)](#)

- \* [What is the Current Population in Littleton per Census?](#)
- \* [How to apply for an Abatement?](#)
- \* [How to Register to Vote?](#)
- \* [How do I find Minutes & Agendas?](#)
- \* [What are the current Electric Rates?](#)
- \* [What are the current Water Rates?](#)
- \* [What are the current Tax Rates?](#)
- \* [How to apply for a Building Permit?](#)
- \* [How to contact Parks, Recreation & Comm Ed?](#)
- \* [How do I report a broken link on the town website?](#)

## Fun Facts: Back to School



### Education Pays Off

In 2023, workers made different average yearly salaries based on their education level.\*

- People with a bachelor's degree made about **\$87,000**.
- High school graduates and GED recipients made about **\$47,000**.
- Those with an education below ninth grade made about **\$38,000**.

\*This represents workers aged 18 and older with earnings.



Sources: Data on this page come from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2023 County Business Patterns, 2023 Current Population Survey, 2023 Annual Survey of School System Finances, 2023 ACS1-Year Estimates, and U.S. School System Current Spending Per Pupil by Region: FY 2023

[CENSUS.GOV/SCHOOLS](#)

### Gearing Up for School

In the United States in 2023, there were approximately—

- **3,700** children and infants clothing stores
- **18,200** shoe stores
- **2,400** department stores
- **4,200** office supply and stationery stores
- **5,600** bookstores

Note: These are for establishments with employees.



Why do magicians do so well in school?  
Because they're good at trick questions.



### Hitting the Books

- **About \$16,526**: The current spending per pupil amount (in dollars) for elementary and secondary public school systems in the United States in FY 2023.

Average per pupil current spending for each region:

- Northeast: **\$25,330**
- West: **\$16,630**
- Midwest: **\$16,220**
- South: **\$13,344**



### Roll Call

- The nation's **5.7 million** teachers will return to the classroom this fall to educate an estimated **54.1 million** students aged 3 years and older enrolled in K-12.
- Of those teachers, **nearly 56%** are elementary or middle school teachers and **more than 78%** are female.
- **Almost half (48.5%)** of 3 to 4 year olds are enrolled in preschool.

