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Town of Littleton NEWSLETTER



Message From Your Selectboard

Fall is one of the busiest times of year for the Select Board as we prepare for Special Town Meeting on **Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 PM** at the **Middle School Gym**. This year, we're introducing a **child-friendly area in the cafeteria**, allowing parents to participate fully while keeping kids nearby.

The Warrant was approved at our September 22 meeting, and the Town Meeting Report is now at the printer. Look for it in your mailbox in the coming weeks. We'll also be releasing a special edition of the newsletter covering Special Town Meeting and the November 1 Election Day Ballot.

The **Shaker Lane Building Committee** will host a **tour and info session** on **October 21, 6:30–8:00 PM** at **Shaker Lane School**. This is a great opportunity to get questions answered and learn why the **SLBC, Select Board, Finance Committee, and School Committee** all **unanimously recommend Article 1**, which proposes building a new Shaker Lane School. To move forward with the new building, **Article 1 must pass by a two-thirds majority at Special Town Meeting**, and the bond referendum must pass by **simple majority at the ballot box on November 1**.

The Select Board is also reviewing permit policies for Littleton Common, working to balance free speech, public safety, stewardship of Town property, and community engagement. We welcome your input—please email us at SelectBoard@littletonma.org.

This newsletter reflects our ongoing commitment to transparency. For more in-depth discussions, check out the *01460 on the Go* podcast on LCTV, YouTube, or Spotify. Recent episodes include a Shaker Lane series, a conversation with Jonathan Bransfield of Nagog Hill Orchard, and a discussion with Sustainability Committee Co-Chair Charlotte Dolenz about the Climate Action Plan and Article 13: Climate Emergency Declaration.

Want to talk directly to a Select Board member? We have restarted office hours! Check the town web site for times and locations!

Please mark your calendars for **Special Town Meeting on October 28** and don't forget to **vote on November 1!**



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From the Desk of the Town Administrator

Why it's important for residents to invest in their community, even though they may not utilize the service.

Investing in all facets of one's community, even those services or amenities that may no longer be directly utilized, is vital for fostering a vibrant, resilient, and sustainable environment. Communities are interconnected ecosystems where each component, from parks and schools to libraries and local businesses, to public safety and public works, plays a crucial role in shaping the overall quality of life.



Supporting diverse community services helps maintain the infrastructure and social fabric that benefits everyone, especially future generations. For example, even if a resident no longer uses a particular park or school system, their investment helps ensure these facilities remain well-maintained and accessible for others. Such investments preserve the community's character, encourage social interaction, and promote inclusivity.

Community investment fosters economic stability. Local services and amenities often attract new residents, and businesses, contributing to job creation and economic growth. When residents support all aspects of their community, they help sustain the local economy, which in turn benefits them through increased property values, improved services, and more dynamic neighborhoods.

Moreover, investing in community resources cultivates a sense of shared ownership and pride. This collective responsibility encourages cooperation among residents and local leaders, leading to more effective problem-solving and community-driven development. The positive environment resulting from such collaboration attracts people who want to live, work, and thrive in a supportive setting.

Lastly, communities flourish when the residents recognize the importance of mutual support and long-term planning. Even if certain services are not used currently, like a school system, investing in them demonstrates a commitment to the community's future sustainability. It ensures that essential services are available for all residents, regardless of changing needs, and helps create a resilient community capable of adapting to future challenges.

In summary, investing in all facets of a community, regardless of immediate personal benefit, is essential for building a cohesive, prosperous, and enduring neighborhoods that serve the well-being of all its residents now and in the future.

Respectfully,

Jim



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Town Administrator's Office

We Want Your Photos for the Annual Town Report!



We're looking for great photos from around Littleton to feature in our upcoming Annual Town Report.

Have you captured a beautiful moment, recent event or a stunning landscape from our beautiful Town? We want to see it!

Send your high resolution photos to - lmontgomery@litttletonma.org.

Photos will be accepted through December 31, 2025

Please include your name and a short description of where/when the photo was captured.



Shaker Lane Building Update—Sept 5, 2025

More exciting news! The Shaker Lane Building Committee, with the support and involvement of our community, attended an MSBA meeting on August 27, 2025. We're thrilled to announce that the Board of Directors approved moving the Shaker Lane building project into the Design phase. The Board of Directors also voted to approve the project budget for the Shaker Lane Building Project, a significant milestone that we've achieved together.

Key Budget Numbers

Total Project Budget	\$99,704,151	
Less Feasibility Study	-\$1,085,000	
Net Project Cost	\$98,079,951	
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MSBA Grant	\$38,145,689	The grant is \$8.8 million more than initially projected.
Net Project Cost to Town	\$59,934,262	
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School Building Stabilization Fund	-\$7,155,117	
Less Estimated Premium	-\$2,054,145	
Net Project Bond Amount	\$50,725,000	20-year bond.

On Tuesday, September 2, 2025, we met with the Select Board, School Committee, and Fincom to provide an update on the approved MSBA project budget. Please find the presentation [here](#). **The estimated split tax impact for year one would be \$719.20 (\$60/mo).** We are pleased that we were able to keep the increase in taxes significantly below the initial estimate for the year-one tax increase.

Cost of Doing Nothing If the project does not pass at the fall special town meeting, we would have to reapply to be accepted into the MSBA program, which may take 7-10 years to achieve acceptance, and we would have to start the process from the beginning with the submission of a Statement of Interest. In the meantime, the Shaker Lane School is well beyond its expected lifespan and poses a significant risk of requiring substantial repairs, including a potential code upgrade, which would not constitute a renovation and would not alter the current building configuration. The building, as determined by the MSBA project, is undersized by approximately 36,000 square feet. As a result of the inadequate space for the current population of students, we would have to bring in eleven modular classrooms, which would still be under the approved MSBA square footage by approximately 25,000 sq ft.



Shaker Lane Building Update—Sept 5, 2025

If we experienced a significant system failure and the cost of repairs exceeded \$2.73 million over five years, we would need to perform a code upgrade, which would likely result in the need to find spaces for 414 students. Any maintenance costs for the building would also count toward the spending limit that triggers a full code upgrade. Our other three schools are already close to capacity, so we would not be able to absorb our pre-kindergarten to 2nd-grade students into different schools within the district. We would be faced with the task of purchasing a significant number of modular classrooms, and the location would need to be determined. The cost of the portables would exceed 12 million dollars, assuming we could access key areas, such as a cafeteria, in one of our buildings. When considering potential system failures, it is a reality that they will occur at some point, resulting in significant costs. Investing 56 million dollars would not create a school that was designed for 21st-century learning and would not meet the space requirements for our current student population.

Key budget numbers for doing nothing (approximate costs)

Code upgrade	\$44 million
22 modular classrooms	\$12 million
Total potential cost	\$56 million
Less Bond Premium and School Stabilization Fund	\$51 million (10-year bond)

The estimated tax impact for the first year would be \$1494.77 (\$125 per month).

A No Vote for a new Shaker Lane School would result in at least 10 years of maintenance costs for a building that is well beyond its life expectancy, a high probability of code upgrades (not a renovation), which would result in purchasing modular classrooms to house 414 students. Building costs for a new Shaker Lane School would escalate at approximately 5% per year and a 99 million dollar school would become a 161.5 million dollar new school construction project if construction was delayed for 10 years.

A Yes Vote would bring us a brand new, sustainable Shaker Lane School, designed for 21st-century learning. The school would be built on fields behind the current school, offering students opportunities for enhanced connection with nature. It would also provide separate loops for car and bus pick-up and drop-off, as well as collaborative learning communities for each grade level. The school would be designed around energy-efficient systems, which would decrease the school's carbon footprint. The new school would also be designed to create learning spaces tailored to meet the needs of our youngest learners, instilling a sense of hope and optimism for the future of our growing and vibrant community.



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Shaker Lane Building Update—Sept 5, 2025

A Yes Vote for a new Shaker Lane School would be less expensive for taxpayers than a No Vote.

One key step in moving forward with the Shaker Lane Building Project is to have the town vote to approve the project. The following dates are significant, and we encourage our community's active participation in this crucial vote. Your vote is not just a choice, but a responsibility towards the future of our school and community.

October 28, 2025, Special Town Meeting- warrant article to approve the building of a new Shaker Lane School. Your vote is crucial in shaping the future of our school.

November 1, 2025, Debt Exclusion Ballot Vote.

We will be holding an in-person Shaker Lane tour on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. 6:30 pm tour, 7:15 pm Informational session.

We encourage you to attend and learn more about the design and cost of a new Shaker Lane School. We would also like you to see the current conditions of the school and understand why it is essential to build a new school for our youngest learners.

Stay tuned for more information.



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Employment Opportunities

[Police Officer](#)

[Communications Officer—Full Time](#)

[Communications Officer—Part Time](#)

[EHS Van Driver](#)

[Download Application](#)

Littleton Community Television (LCTV)

Littleton Community Television is offering a FREE basic video production workshop for anyone interested in learning more about video making!

The two-night class will focus on shooting and editing videos that will make your friends green with envy! It is taught by the award-winning* instructor, Mark Crory, Executive Director of LCTV.

*NOTE: the award was 3rd place in a pie eating contest back in 7th grade, but an award none the less.

Sign up by scanning the QR code on the flyer or call the studio at 978-540-2488.
Hope to see you there!



Video Production Workshop

October 1st and 8th, 2025, 7-9:30pm

LCTV Studio

37 Shattuck St, Room 235

For More Info:

lctvstaff@littletonma.org

978-540-2488





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Parks and Recreation and Community Education



The New Littleton Tennis Courts Are Officially OPEN on Russell Street

These courts are an exciting addition to our community, and we're looking forward to seeing residents enjoy them for years to come. We will have an official ribbon cutting before the spring tennis season!

[Court Rules & Guidelines](#)





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DPW

A DRIVE-THRU REUSE AND RECYCLING
DROP-OFF EVENT

RECYCLE YOUR REUSABLES

18th of October

9:30am-
1:30pm

Ayer-Shirley Regional Middle School
1 Hospital Rd. Shirley, MA

ITEMS ACCEPTED AS OF 9.26.25

- ART/CRAFT SUPPLIES (GOOD CONDITION)
- BOOKS (VENDOR PENDING)
- ELECTRONICS (SOME FEES APPLY)
- EYEGLASSES & HEARING AIDS
- FOOD (NON-PERISHABLES)
- FURNITURE/POTS/DISHES
- HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: (GOOD CONDITION)
- MATTRESSES (FEES APPLY)
- MOBILITY SUPPORT DEVICES
- MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS (GOOD CONDITION)
- OFFICE SUPPLIES (NEW)
- TEXTILES (NOT WET, MOLDY, OILY)
- TIRES (TRUCK/AUTO) NO FEE!!!



More info

www.masstoss.com/events/ryr25

Cell: 413-348-9353

recycleyourreusables@gmail.com

Volunteers needed

tinyurl.com/RYP-2025

Facebook Event

tinyurl.com/yfkjfox8





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DPW



Recycle Your Reusables

Drive-thru Re-Use & Recycling Event

SAT. Oct 18, 2025, 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Ayer-Shirley Regional Middle School, 1 Hospital Rd, Shirley MA

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Donations accepted at the entrance

Event volunteers needed: <https://tinyurl.com/RYR-2025>; Cell 413-348-9353



Books: Vendor Pending

Yes: Gently used books in any language or genre, CDs, DVDs, Vinyl records

No: Magazines, Encyclopedias, Damaged/stained/torn/moldy books

Craft, Art and Office Supplies: The Great Exchange

Yes: New office supplies, New/like new art & craft, and creative supplies.

No: 3-ring binders, frames, or games

Electronics: East Coast Electronics Recycling

Free: Holiday lights, Cameras, Computers, Keyboards, Servers, Tablets, Wires, Metal under 4 feet, tools **\$5 per item:** Small appliances: Scanners, Fans, Gaming consoles, House phones, Lead acid batteries **\$15 per item:** Medium appliances: AC, Microwaves, Vacuums, Printers, Chain saw (oil and gas removed) **\$30 per item:** Large appliances: Stoves, Snow blowers, Treadmills, Lawn mowers

No: No Refrigerators, Computer Monitors or TVs (LCD or Flat).

Questions call East Coast Electronics Recycling 877-537-9940

Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids: Harvard Lions Club

Yes: All Eyeglasses, Children's glasses, Non-prescription sunglasses, Readers. Hearing aids

No: Contact lenses, glasses cases

Household/Kitchen Furnishings: Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance (CMHA)

Yes: Kitchen table sets, Dressers/bureaus, Nightstands, Coffee and Sofa tables, and Couches, Housewares and Decorations

Household/Kitchen Furnishings: Household Goods, Inc.

Yes: Clean and in good working condition:

- All items must be clean, complete and in good working order. No broken, chipped, stained or incomplete items will be accepted.
- Kitchen: Utensils, Dishes, Flatware, Drinking glasses, Pots, Pans and Baking Dishes
- Linens: Sheets, Blankets and Comforters of all standard sizes, Towels and Washcloths,
- Appliances: Lamps and lampshades, Kitchen appliances and household appliances
- Home Furnishings: Curtains, Framed art up to 48", mirrors up to 36", rugs
- Furniture: Dressers, nightstands, end tables, bookcases, cabinets, sideboards, Chairs

Visit: <https://householdgoods.org/donate/donate-goods/donation-guidelines/>

Mattresses: Tough Stuff Recycling

****Pre-payment online required. \$45/unit ** Bring/show receipt**

- <https://toughstuffrecycling.com>
- Enter ZIP 01462; Select Drop-off; Location "1 Hospital Road, Shirley"
- Choose October 18th as drop-off date.
- Questions call 978-307-5512

Mobility Support Devices: Rotary Club of Ayer, Shirley, Harvard and Devens

Yes: Canes, Crutches, Rollator walkers with wheels, Walkers, Wheelchairs

No: Commodes, Medical walking boots, Prosthetics, Shower benches

Musical Instruments: Vendor

Yes: Hand-held musical instruments, in any condition

Textiles: Bay State Textiles Tires: FREE FBS Tire Recycling

Yes: Clothing, shoes, stuffed animals, linens, etc. Rips, stains, wear & tear ok
No: wet, damp or moldy items.

Yes: Rubber Truck and Automotive Tires
No: Rims or Wheels



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Health Department

Click below for an appointment or use the QR Code

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C_0548AEA822A2F5C07-57653754-2025#/

Free Flu & COVID Vaccination Clinic



Tuesday, October 21, 2025

3:00 PM to 6:00 PM

**Littleton Middle School
55 Russell Street**

- **Flu**- Available for those 5 years and older. Both regular and high-dose available
- **COVID**- Available for those 12 years and over

Appointments



SCAN HERE
Or Click Below

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C_0548AEA822A2F5C07-57653754-2025#/

- You may receive either or both vaccines
- Pre-registration is required for vaccination
- Even if scheduling both vaccines, only one appointment is needed

Register by telephone with office staff:

- (978) 540-2470
- Available Mon-Fri, 8:00am-4:00pm

Bring to your appointment:

- Insurance/Medicare card & ID
- Clothing that allows for easy access to the arm for vaccine administration
- A parent/guardian for those ages 17 and under



Sponsored by:
Littleton Board of Health, Littleton Public Schools, in
partnership with the Littleton Volunteer Corps, and Ayer
Family Pharmacy

CLINIC QUESTIONS?

- (978) 540 2430
- fdagle@littletonma.org



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Planning Department Update

MASS DEPT. OF ENERGY RESOURCES

Clean Energy Siting & Permitting October 2025 – Planning Department Update

On November 21, 2024, Governor Maura Healey signed into law An Act promoting a clean energy grid, advancing equity and protecting ratepayers (2024 Climate Act), which streamlined the siting and permitting process for clean energy infrastructure.

The reforms to the siting and permitting processes were based on the recommendations of Governor Healey's Commission on Energy Infrastructure Siting and Permitting. Governor Healey established the Commission in 2023 to bring key stakeholder groups together to reach consensus on reforms for the clean energy siting and permitting process. The existing process was widely recognized as a key barrier to the development of clean energy and the Commonwealth's ability to meet its future electricity demand and climate goals. The Commission included representatives from municipalities, environmental justice organizations, advocacy groups, electric utilities, agriculture, energy siting, the clean energy industry, labor, housing and real estate.

The law creates a streamlined process, outlines specific timelines, and establishes a single appeals process, while enhancing community input and supporting equitable project review. The law establishes a 12-month deadline for municipal permitting and requires municipalities to issue a single permit at the end of their process.

Littleton Resident's Input:

The State Public Comment period is Sept. 26 – Oct. 17, 2025; details here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/clean-energy-siting-permitting-regulations> feel free to review the draft regulations and provide comments. The statutory authority of local Boards and Committees will not be impacted by these new regulations. When final State regulations are in place, it will be Littleton's turn to review permitting procedures to ensure we can meet a 12-month consolidated review timeframe.





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October 2025 News & Events from the Reuben Hoar Library

Please visit www.littletonlibrary.org to register

We are excited to share some wonderful news about three of our dedicated staff members who have recently taken on new roles at the Reuben Hoar Library.

· Seth Ledoux has been promoted to Assistant Youth Services Librarian in the Children's Department. Seth has already shown great creativity and energy in his work and we are thrilled to see him step into this new role where he will continue to inspire and support children and families.

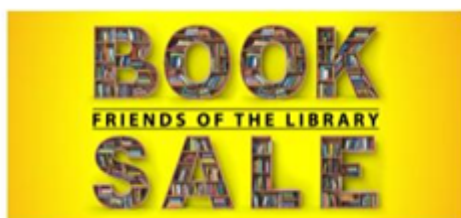
· Jennifer Hamilton will also begin this month as our new Children's Librarian. Jennifer brings a wealth of experience, warmth, and enthusiasm to the department, and we look forward to the exciting programs and fresh ideas she will bring to our youngest patrons.

· Tracy Delgado has been promoted to Head of Circulation. With her years of dedicated service and knowledge of our community, Tracy is perfectly suited to lead our busy Circulation Department and ensure that our library remains welcoming and accessible to all.

Please join us in congratulating Seth, Jennifer, and Tracy on their well-deserved promotions! We are so fortunate to have such talented and passionate staff helping to make the Reuben Hoar Library a vibrant part of the community.



Pictured left to right: Jennifer, Seth, Tracy



Friday, October 17th 4pm—6pm (Members Only)

Saturday, October 18th—10am—3pm

Sunday, October 19th—10am—3:00pm

Book drop off (TBA)



Library



October 2025 News & Events from the Reuben Hoar Library

Adult Programming



Jeff Belanger – Wild Strange New England

- Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:30pm in the Sturtz Room

Based on Jeff's latest book, *Wicked Strange: Your Guide to Ghosts, Monsters, Oddities, and Urban Legends from New England*, plus his popular weekly podcast and his Emmy-nominated television series on PBS and Amazon Prime, the program presents highlights from his own adventures and work. For over 25 years, Jeff has been exploring the unexplained. He seeks out history, folklore, ghosts, monsters, and legends all over the world and in your backyard. *Wicked Strange New England* offers a tour of haunts, monsters, aliens, and weird history from our region. Drawing from a library of hundreds of legends, this program is different every time it's given. The bizarre is closer than you think!

New England Ghosts with Jonah Knight

- Tuesday, October 21st at 6:00 pm in the Sturtz Room

[Join Jonah Knight as he presents a one-hour, historically accurate, presentation on local ghost sightings and paranormal experiences in New England.](#)

Halloween: A Haunted History with Dustin Pari

- Saturday, October 25th at 3:00pm in the Sturtz Room

Ah, Halloween. Autumnal breezes, crisp leaves, and pumpkin flavored everything! What is it about this time of year that is so enchanting, so mystifying? In this lecture Dustin sheds some light on the spooky shadows of Halloween history and traditions. Ghost stories? Oh yeah, he has some of those too.

Dustin Pari has been a library program presenter for over 10 years. He is known for his time as a featured investigator on television's *Ghost Hunters* and *Ghost Hunters International*, along with appearances on *Destination Truth* and *Ghost Nation*. He has also written 5 books, and just completed an international theater tour in 2024.





Library

Restoring the Promise: A discussion about Immigration Policy and the Path Forward with Attorney Antonio Massa Viana

- **Wednesday, October 29th at 6:00 pm in the Sturtz Room**
- Restoring the Promise is a nonpartisan, community-based discussion series that invites participants to reflect on the impact of current immigration policies, the ways immigration has shaped our nation, and the constitutional questions that affect both non-citizens and U.S. citizens alike.



Adult Board Game Night

- Thursday, October 30th at 6pm in the Murray Room

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

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 October 7, 21, and 28th @ 10:30am in the Sturtz Room

Saturday Toddler Story Time – Saturday, October 18th at 10:30am in the Murray Rm

Join us for an action-packed Storytime! We will explore a different theme each week with books, songs, movements and instruments. This Storytime is most appropriate for children ages 18 months - 3 years. Please sign-up for 1 session per week.

First Connections Playgroup for Children 0-12 months old

-Thursday, October 9th and 16th 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 lmattthews@jri.org to register.

Babygarten Story Time for Children 0-18 months

-Thursday, October 23rd and 30th at 10:30am in the Sturtz Room

Babygarten is a program that brings caregivers and babies together for an hour of stimulating experiences intended to nurture the bond between caregiver and child, and to increase the caregiver's awareness of their child's development.

Our primary focus is the healthy development of infants aged 0-18 months old with an emphasis on language enrichment and pre-literacy skills.

The program includes nursery rhymes and songs, book sharing, parenting information, a developmental craft, and a free-play period when babies play and caregivers can talk.

Space is limited to 12 babies every week so please sign up for the classes that you are able to attend. We will have a wait list.

It will run for six weeks at 10:30 in the Sturtz Room. Be sure to check the dates.



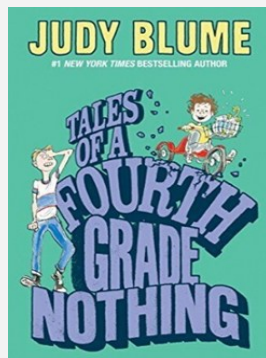
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4th Grade Book Club



-Tuesday, October 21st at 3:45pm in the Murray Room

Join Miss Jennifer for a fun-filled, action-packed book club! We will have a fun discussion, play games, do a book-related craft and have a snack! Copies of Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing by Judy Blume will be behind the circulation desk and you can pick them up beginning October 1! Just tell the librarians at the desk that you need a copy of the 4th grade book club book.

Littles and Letters Alphabet Story Time

-Wednesdays (except Oct 15th) @ 11:00am in the Sturtz Room

In "Littles and Letters" Story Time, we will be doing a letter per week, starting in September with the letter "A." Sign up online for a space in this fun story time with a craft. For ages 4 and up, our preschool friends.



5th Grade Book Club

-Thursday, October 23rd at 3:45 pm in the Murray Room

Join Miss Jennifer for a fun-filled, action-packed book club! We will have a fun discussion, play games, do a book-related craft and have a snack! Copies of the selected book will be behind the circulation desk and you can pick them up beginning October 1! Just tell the librarians at the desk that you need a copy of the 5th grade book club book.

Busy Bees Play Time

-Monday, October 27th at 10:00 am in the Sturtz Meeting Room

We have toys and a nice cool room! What more do you need to have a fun play time? Just add young children! All preschool aged children are invited with their caregivers to come and play in the RHL Sturtz Room! It will be a nice time to meet other parents while your children are busy bees and play with others.



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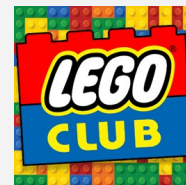
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Lego Club for ages 6 and up

-Tuesday, October 28th at 4pm in the Sturtz Meeting Room

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



Book Clubs:

Laid Back Book Club 2.0

-Tuesday, October 7th at 6:15pm 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, October 21st 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

Murderbot

Network Effect *Please note, due to the popularity of the Murderbot TV series, the book series availability may be limited

Third Wednesdays Book Club

-Wednesday, October 15th at 7:00pm in the Houghton Room

In October we are reading *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali

Library Schedule:



Monday, October 13th - Closed for Indigenous People's Day



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Police Department

August



Calls	911	Arrests	Incidents	Citations	Crashes
1518	238	7	91	84	27



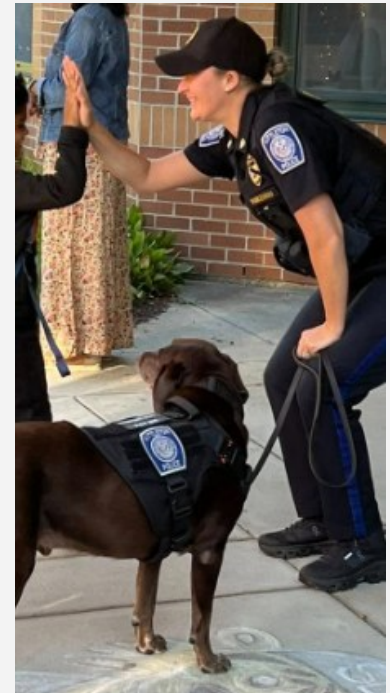
The Littleton Police Department proudly presented Thomas "TJ" Farr to the Select Board to be appointed as our newest Police Officer!

TJ is a graduate of Fitchburg State University's 5-year program, earning a Bachelor's Degree and will be completing a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice. During his academy training, he was also recognized with the Physical Fitness Award and was even featured in a Fitchburg State Magazine article for his dedication to fitness and wellness.

<https://tinyurl.com/TJ-Fitness>

In the coming weeks, TJ will be paired with a Field Training Officer as he begins his career here in Littleton.

The SRO's arranged for officers to greet the students at Littleton Middle School, Russell St. Elementary School and The Shaker Ln. School. It was a great morning seeing all the smiling faces!!





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Fire Department



LITTLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT

2025

OPEN HOUSE



**OCTOBER 4TH
11 AM-1 PM**

A **FREE** FAMILY EVENT

KIDS FIRE HOUSE

BOUNCE HOUSE

FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

AUTO EXTRICATION DEMO

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Current Board Vacancies

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://littletonmaboards.vt-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) citizen-at-large - term expiring June 30, 2027
One (1) citizen-at-large - term expiring June 30, 2028

CLEAN LAKES COMMITTEE One (1) Mill Pond Alternate - term expiring June 30, 2027

COMMITTEE FOR THE EXPLORATION OF REAL ESTATE TAX RELIEF FOR SENIORS

One (1) member – term expiring June 30, 2027

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Two (2) members – No expiration date

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

APPOINTED BY LELWD (Littleton Electric Light and Water Department)

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

Conservation Commission

Come Join Us!

CO-EXISTING WITH
BLACK BEARS
in Massachusetts

Thursday, November 06 from 7pm - 8pm
Acton Town Hall, Room 204 + Hybrid Option
472 Main Street, Acton, MA 01720



Join this engaging presentation to learn about black bear biology and behavior and get tips on how communities can take proactive steps to prevent conflict with bears. The program will be presented by Meghan Crawford, Community Engagement Biologist at the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife).

Registration

<https://bit.ly/Co-existingwithBlackBears>





School Committee

Greetings from the Littleton School Committee!

One of the best parts about the beginning of the school year is the reconnecting of school communities. This was on full display at the Back to School nights at each of our four schools, where families connected with teachers and learned about plans for the new school year. Littleton High School unveiled their new cell phone policy, which seeks to promote sustained learning and prevent student distractions. Students are allowed to have cell phones in school, but they must be off and stored in classroom storage pockets during instructional time. Students may use their phones during directed study and Library Media Center time using earbuds. They may not be taken into restrooms. This policy has already shown benefits in increased student participation and collaboration, and is developing personal responsibility around the privilege of having a phone in school.

One of our district priorities this year is implementation of the Portrait of a Learner plan. This initiative seeks to answer the question, “What are the skills, knowledge, and dispositions that learners need to be successful in a rapidly changing, increasingly diverse, and interconnected world?” Stakeholders from all levels of the district have met to create a definition of learning, define the skills, consider what teaching and learning look like at their best, and decide how to measure what matters. The team agreed that the following skills should be fostered throughout a student’s PreK-12 experience:

Effective Communicator

Critical Thinker

Mindful Leader

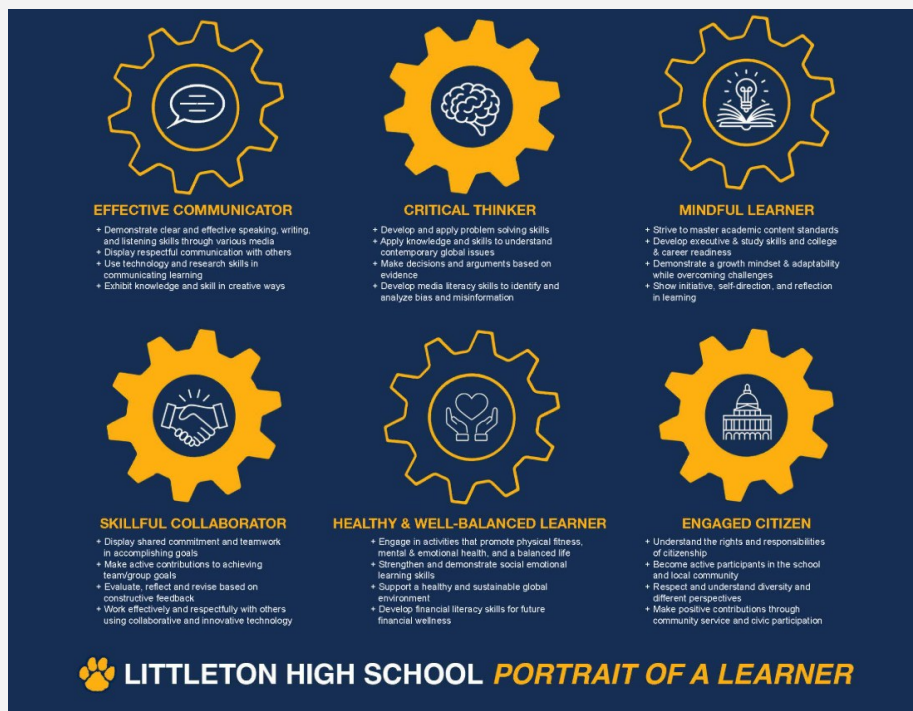
Skillful Collaborator

Healthy and Well-Balanced Learner

Engaged Citizen

We look forward to sharing more throughout the year on how we plan to assess and communicate student proficiency with these important lifelong skills. Stay tuned!

School Committee



The Portrait of a Learner skills are exemplified by two LHS students, Gabriel Gustainis and Brianna LoPresti, who are working with DECA to organize a fundraiser for the Wounded Warrior Project on November 1. The [Charity Fun Run](#) will be held at the Community Track at Littleton Middle School starting at 9:30 am. The event includes a 5K run, a one-mile fun run, a silent auction, outdoor games and face painting, and booths from high school clubs and local businesses. Spend a morning with the community, get some exercise, and give back to those

who protect us. All proceeds will go to the Wounded Warrior Project. (And while you're there, go to the LMS gymnasium to vote YES for a new Shaker Lane School!)

We are proud to announce that Littleton Middle School was just a few days away from national recognition as a U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School. This award was to recognize the hard work at LMS in building relationships, improving test scores, and innovating and reimagining classroom instruction. Traditionally, the Blue Ribbon Award was designed to honor high-performing schools that had successfully narrowed academic gaps between student groups. The program was abruptly canceled by the Department of Education on August 29, after LMS had already been notified as a winner of the award. We hope that LMS will receive acknowledgement of the award at the state level, and if not we will plan to celebrate it ourselves within LPS. Our heartfelt gratitude and congratulations go to the administrative team and teachers at Littleton Middle School for this amazing achievement!




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Have you noticed the increasing number of yellow “Yes for Littleton!” yard signs going up around town? The town vote to approve the Shaker Lane building project is coming in less than a month. We urge everyone to stay informed, talk to your neighbors, and be ready to vote YES at Town Meeting on October 28. Project updates can be found on the [Shaker Lane School Project](#) website, and up-to-the-minute details that concern residents are at [yesforlittleton.org](#). The YES for Littleton website currently hosts a nine-minute video that tells the full story of how we got to this point in the process, and what residents need to do to make sure our youngest students have a safe and modern space for learning. **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.

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

Share your thoughts at a Community Forum

October 18, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, The Center on Shattuck

Join a YES for Littleton Community Meeting

Tuesday, October 14, 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

Bring your questions

Why do we need a new Shaker Lane School?

What will my tax impact be?

What happens if the project fails Town Vote?

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 Lyceum

TICKET SALES

Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance by sending the attached order form to:

Gioia Clyde, Treasurer
5 Tadmuck Trail
Littleton, MA 01460

Make checks payable to "Littleton Lyceum"

Contact Information:
LittletonLyceum1829@gmail.com

Tickets may also be ordered online at:
www.littletonlyceum.org

For weather related inquiries, please check our website as well.

ORDER FORM

Please send me _____ Family Tickets at \$40.00 each.
(Family ticket admits all members of a household to all programs.)

My check for \$_____ is enclosed with a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Included is \$_____ as a donation to the Littleton Lyceum Fund.

Name: _____

Address: _____

NOTE: Single tickets are available only at the door at \$12.00.
Students and seniors, \$5.00.

The 2025-2026 Season

All programs take place at the Littleton High School Performing Arts Center
For more information go to www.littletonlyceum.org or follow us on Facebook

Friday, October 3, 2025 7:30p.m.

The Love Dogs

This hard-swinging blues, jazz, and boogie-woogie band has been wowing audiences for over 20 years. Their energetic concerts have been called "the stuff of legends".



Friday, January 9, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

The Oak Hill Project

Littletonian Bernadette Stockwell chronicles a covid-year challenge to walk Oak Hill everyday through the seasons, sharing her discovery of place, community, and meaning in a vivid slideshow.



Friday, April 17, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

Eyes on Owls

The ever-popular Marcia and Mark Wilson will introduce us to several of their feathered friends. We will get to meet these magnificent birds up close and in person and learn about their lives.



Friday, May 29, 2026, 7:30 p.m.

Odaiko New England

Back by popular demand, New England's oldest operating Japanese percussion group will knock your socks off with their breath-taking rhythms.





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Sustainability Committee

The Littleton Sustainability Committee, in partnership with the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments, held a public forum for the Town's Climate Action Plan on August 12. This event gave residents the opportunity to learn more about the climate action plan and provide their feedback on initial actions Littleton can take to ensure a sustainable future for all residents.

Stay tuned for more opportunities to participate in the planning process, including a public forum in the Winter.

Residents can also participate in the planning process by taking a short survey focusing on actions they feel should be represented in the plan. Please scan the QR code on the flyer or follow this link to access the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LittletonCAPSurvey1>

Survey Details

This survey consists of 16 questions and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. The survey closes on October 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

Please feel free to contact Michelle Zelenka, Regional Energy Manager at the Northern Middlesex Council of Governments at mzelenka@nmcog.org or 978-454-8021 X 121 with any questions about this survey.

**Take the
Littleton
Climate
Action
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Survey!**



Share your vision for a healthy
and sustainable future for all
Littleton residents!




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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Housing Authority Board Meeting - October 1st, 2025 @ 5:00 PM - Housing Authority (19 Shattuck Street) School Committee - Budget Subcommittee Meeting - October 1st, 2025 @ 4:00 PM - Superintendent's	2 Planning Board Meeting - October 2nd, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall) Sustainability Committee Meeting - October 2nd, 2025 @ 7:30 PM - Virtual via Zoom	3 Littleton Lyceum - The Love Dogs	4 Littleton Fire Department Open House 6th Annual Littleton Oktoberfest 2025
5	6 Select Board Meeting - October 6th, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall) Select Board - Public Hearing: Application for Change of Officers/ Directors/LLC Managers and Change of Ownership Interest, All Alcoholic Beverages On-Premises License (Tavern in the Square, LLC) - October 6th, 2025 @ 7:00 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)	7 Conservation Commission - Public Hearing: 19 Ipswich Drive - October 7th, 2025 @ 7:45 PM - Virtual via Zoom Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member - Karen Morrison	8	9 Charter Committee Meeting - October 9th, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall) Littleton School Committee Meeting - LCTV Room Reuben Hoar Library Policy Committee Meeting - October 9th, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Sanders Study Room (Reuben Hoar Library)	10	11
12	13 Town Hall Closed	14 Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Charter Committee Public	15 Community Preservation Committee Meeting - Hybrid: In-Person Room 103 (Town Hall) & Virtually via Zoom	16 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - October 16th, 2025 @ 7:00 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)	17	18 Recycle Your Reusables
19	20 Select Board Meeting - October 20th, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)	21 Conservation Commission - Public Hearing: 25 Worcester Drive - October 21st, 2025 via Zoom Conservation Commission - Public Hearing: Lake Shore Drive via Zoom Conservation Commission - Public Hearing: 34 Fletcher Lane - via Zoom	22 Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member - Mark Rambacher	23 Littleton School Committee Meeting - LCTV Room	24 Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member - Gary Wilson	25
26	27 Charter Committee Meeting - October 27th, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)	28 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - LITTLETON MIDDLE SCHOOL - CHARLES FORBES KAYE GYM.	29	30	31	



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Helpful Links

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/>

Town Directory

Town Offices Main—[978-540-2400](tel:978-540-2400)
 Town Clerk—[978-540-2401](tel:978-540-2401)
 Accounting—[978-540-2440](tel:978-540-2440)
 Assessor—[978-540-2410](tel:978-540-2410)
 Building—[978-540-2420](tel:978-540-2420)
 Cemetery—[978-540-2480](tel:978-540-2480)
 Conservation—[978-540-2428](tel:978-540-2428)
 Elder & Humans Servs—[978-540-2470](tel:978-540-2470)
 Fire Station—[978-540-2302](tel:978-540-2302)
 Health—[978-540-2421](tel:978-540-2421)
 Highway—[978-540-2670](tel:978-540-2670)
 Human Resources—[978-540-2455](tel:978-540-2455)
 LCTV—[978-540-2488](tel:978-540-2488)
 Library—[978-540-2600](tel:978-540-2600)
 Parks & Rec—[978-540-2490](tel:978-540-2490)
 Planning—[978-540-2425](tel:978-540-2425)
 Police—[978-540-2300](tel:978-540-2300)
 Tax Collector—[978-540-2405](tel:978-540-2405)
 Town Administrator—[978-540-2460](tel:978-540-2460)
 Transfer Station—[978-540-2674](tel:978-540-2674)
 Treasurer—[978-540-2450](tel:978-540-2450)
 Veteran Services—[978-540-2485](tel:978-540-2485)

Social Media



FAQ's

- * [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?](#)

Additional Resources



[Littleton Public School District](#)



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

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