



November 2025

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NEWSLETTER



Message From Your Selectboard

On Tuesday, October 28 more than 900 people attended Special Town Meeting on October 28. Article 1, to support the building of a new Shaker Lane, passed by a 93% majority. The borrowing ballot question passed by nearly 82% with a turnout of about 1,950. The turnout and results for these votes were a testament to the power of cooperative effort. Superintendent Clenchy, Principal Michelle Kane, Town Administrator Jim Duggan, the Shaker Lane Building Committee, the Finance Committee, the School Committee and the Permanent Municipal Building Committee all put in an enormous amount of work to shepherd this project through the two votes, and the town owes them a debt of gratitude. I also want to thank everyone who showed up to vote, check-in, set-up, broadcast, and provide childcare for these events.

Also passed at Special Town Meeting was an expansion of the Senior Tax Deferral program. The program now has a higher income limit, and going forward, Littleton's limit will automatically match the state's maximum allowable limit. This is but one tax relief program available to those in need. I encourage anyone who is struggling or who has questions to contact the Town Assessor's office and our Department of Elder and Human Services to discuss what programs may be available.

We plan to review what worked well and what needs improvement for Town Meeting. Please reach out or attend a Select Board meeting to tell us what you think.



From the Desk of the Town Administrator

Dear Residents,

YOU DID IT! I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who supported the Article at the recent Town Meeting and participated in the ballot vote to build a new Shaker Lane Elementary School. Your commitment and dedication to our community's future are truly inspiring, and your support reflects a shared vision for a brighter, better tomorrow for Littleton's children.



The decision to invest in a new elementary school is one that will positively impact generations to come, providing our students with a safe, modern, and conducive environment for learning and growth. Your backing demonstrates your belief in education as a cornerstone of our community's prosperity. It's heartening to see how everyone came together—residents, parents, educators, and local leaders—united by a common goal: to ensure that our young learners have the resources and facilities they deserve.

Your active participation in the voting process exemplifies civic responsibility and the strength of our community spirit. It reassures us all that our future is in capable hands, and that we are committed to making thoughtful decisions for the collective good.

Once again, thank you for your support, trust, and dedication. Together, we are building a foundation for continued growth, learning, and success that will benefit our children and future generations.

With sincere appreciation,

Jim Duggan
Town Administrator



Town Meeting and Election Results

ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	NECESSARY VOTE TO	PASS/FAI	CONSENT	PASSED
		PASS	L	(C)	OVER
1	SHAKER LANE DEBT EXCLUSION	2/3RDS		P	
2	AMMEND PREVIOUS VOTE ON SHAKER LANE SCHOOL	Simple Majority		P	
3	BILLS OF PRIOR YEARS	9/10THS		C	
4	FUND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT	Simple Majority		P	
5	AUTHORIZE TRANSFER FROM TRUST FUNDS	Simple Majority		C	
6	ACCEPT THE ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE FOR ABANDONED FUNDS	Simple Majority		P	
7	BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO CHANGE HAWK- ER/PEDDLER	Simple Majority		P	
8	36 KING STREET - TRANSFER FROM STA- BILIZATION FUND	2/3RDS		P	
9	BY-LAW AMENDMENT REGARDING POST- ING OF WARRANT	Simple Majority		C	
10	INCREASE TO INCOME LIMITS FOR SEN- IOR TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM	Simple Majority		P	
11	BY-LAW AMENDMENT REGARDING DI- RECTOR OF VETERANS SERVICES	Simple Majority		C	
12	BY-LAW AMENDMENT REGARDING DI- RECTOR OF FINANCE AND BUDGET POSI- ITION TITLE	Simple Majority		C	
13	RESOLUTION ON CLIMATE ACTION AND RESILIENCE FOR THE TOWN OF LITTLE- TON	Simple Majority		P	
14	BY-LAW: DEBT EXCLUSIION OVERRIDE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND RESERVE FUND	Simple Majority			No af- firmative action

The "Unofficial Results" for the Special Election November 1, 2025

Total Votes Cast: 1952
 Yes Votes Cast: 1588
 No Votes Cast: 359
 Blank Votes Cast: 5

Town Clerk's Office



From the Town Clerk's Office

What can be said about the last week other than a culmination of hard work and teamwork for the last month. Starting with the Town Meeting coordinating with the Town of Groton to borrow their 600 clickers and the IT Department matching up each clicker with our system. Much thanks to Nancy Glencross for her dedication and determination along with Tom McLaughlin in troubleshooting to get it done behind the scenes so when everyone showed up not a single person would know that there were any glitches to get things to work perfectly on the night of Town Meeting. To Mark Crory and his team at LCTV that came together to get the Town Meeting aired live without any hitches between the communication between the two rooms, communication in the gymnasium so all could be heard without any problem. To George Sanders, George Dumas & Eric Derba and Erik Bentley and his crew that helped to set down the flooring and set up 1000 chairs and the tables on Monday and Tuesday. To the Fire Chief and new Fire Prevention Captain for giving us the thumbs up for our set up and the LPD for keeping the peace at Town Meeting. To Charlie Ellis for stepping up as our Assistant Town Moderator, for sticking it out the whole night my appreciation to you is insurmountable. To all the volunteers that checked in the voters while taking an average of only 4 seconds for each resident, job well done. To the volunteers that stayed after Town Meeting to help clean up the cafeteria, The room was free and clear for the Middle School students in the morning. Finally, to the townspeople for showing up and remaining calm when there were 250 of you waiting in line to check in.

As you all may or may not know Articles One through 13 all passed, with 13 being a non-binding question and Article 14 no affirmative action was taken as the petitioner asked for the same.

Then on Thursday we started all over again. Early morning the Highway Department crew showed up at the Townhall to take everything that was needed to set up for the Election. Down to the gym we headed to set up the Election Booths. What a crew! Along with Erik Bentley and his staff, George Sanders and I started to set up the gym. Booths, tables, chairs, cords, voting machines, poll pads. You name it we had it. Four hours later the gym was transformed into an election area and ready to go for Saturday. All the while Andrew was still checking in Early Mail In votes to the State System. Friday absentee voters stopped by to vote in the office and voted right up until the "11th hour", so to speak, or Noon. Saturday morning came as the gym was opened by Erik Bentley bright and early and we started the day opening the machines and preparing the day for voting. Not a beat was skipped. No one would be the wiser as to how this all comes together. Teamwork, that is how this all works. LPD came to keep the polling location safe. Volunteers started showing up at 730am to prepare themselves for the day all to make it happen for the voters. Oaths of office were taken and at 8am the polls were opened. New volunteers came in about every four hours. Off and running until the last strike of the mallet to close the polls. Volunteers from LELWD as well as others came in to help tear down the booths and George Sanders help to show the way things needed to be done. Thanks for your experience George.

The tally: Total Ballots Cast: 1952; Yes Votes Cast: 1588; No Votes Cast: 359 Blanks: 5

Littleton had well over 850 Early Voter Ballots and about 50 Absentee Ballots with the balance about 1050 that walked through the doors to vote on Saturday.

Monday morning bright and early team Highway showed back up to the School to take everything back to Townhall and the Erik Bentley crew took up all the matting.

Thanks to all for your tremendous help. This Clerk is truly appreciative of all the volunteers and inter-office support every day. TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!



Treasurer's Department



On October 22, 2024, Littleton received a AAA long term bond rating & SP-1+ for short-term borrowing from S&P Global. Here is a link to the full report:

<https://www.littletonma.org/DocumentCenter/View/10526/SP-Global-Ratings-Report-for-Littleton-Massachusetts-October-21-2025>

S&P Affirms Town of Littleton's Bond Rating of AAA

Standard and Poor's has affirmed the Town of Littleton's bond rating of AAA, its highest rating. S&P defines its AAA rating as "Extremely strong capacity to meet financial commitments. Highest Rating." The rating reflects S&P's assessment of the following factors for the town:

- Very strong economy - "very high-income metrics that we believe uplift the overall rating, and a tax base that continues to experience strong growth in residential assessed values in part due to the town's favorable location just 30 miles west of Boston"
- Strong budgetary performance – "with conservative assumptions that the town consistently outperforms, with long-term financial and capital plans that are annually updated and tied into its assumptions, along with a comprehensive host of policies, including investment, debt management, and reserve policies, as well as steps to mitigate cyber risk"
- Surplus Financial Operations - "with stable revenue from property taxes (74%), which have led to the town maintaining ample available reserves that compare favorably with those of peers at the same rating level"
- Elevated Fixed Costs - "we believe Littleton's fixed costs could add some budgetary pressure over the next few years, management has demonstrated a clear commitment to addressing unfunded retirement liabilities, as well as limited additional capital needs"



Employment Opportunities

[Communications Officer—Part Time](#)

[Download Application](#)

[EHS Van Driver](#)

Photos for Annual Town Report

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@littletonma.org. Photos will be accepted through December 31, 2025 Please include your name and a short description of where/when the photo was captured.

Littleton Holiday Bazaar

Save the Date for the Littleton Holiday Bazaar!

The Annual Holiday Bazaar will take place on Saturday, December 6th from 9:00AM-3:00PM in the Littleton Middle School Gymnasium located at 55 Russell Street. We hope to see you there!

Veteran's Day Ceremony

Littleton Veterans Day Ceremony Tuesday, November 11th, 11:00 AM

Join us to honor our veterans at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 11th, at the Veterans Corner on Littleton Common.

Refreshments and food will follow at the Littleton VFW (21 Taylor Street) around 11:45am, hosted by the Friends of Littleton Veterans.

All are welcome!



Parks and Recreation and Community Education

Littleton Parks, Recreation & Community Education

Building community through play, programs, and connection!

Game On — The Courts Are Back!



Get ready to shoot some hoops! The basketball courts at 300 King Street have been fully resurfaced and will be open for play starting Monday, November 3rd.

They look incredible — just in time for crisp fall pickup games and weekend shootarounds. Thank you to everyone for your patience while the work was completed!

Whitcomb Field: A Home Run for Spring 2026

The Whitcomb Baseball Field renovation is wrapping up beautifully! The final piece — porous pavement sidewalks — will be installed next week. Once finished, the field will rest over the winter to ensure everything settles perfectly. We're already planning a special rededication ceremony in Spring 2026 to celebrate this major community milestone.

Stay tuned for details — you won't want to miss it!





Parks and Recreation and Community Education

Ski Club 2026 — Registration Is Now Open!

The snow will be here before we know it!

Join our popular Ski Clubs for 2026 at Nashoba Valley (grades 1-5) and Wachusett Mountain (grades 4 – 12). Whether you're a seasoned skier or brand new to the slopes, these programs are the perfect mix of adventure, friends, and fun.

Spots always go fast — **register early** and make this winter one to remember!

[Click Here to Register](https://littletonma.myrec.com/info/activities/default.aspx?CategoryID=1576&type=activities) <https://littletonma.myrec.com/info/activities/default.aspx?CategoryID=1576&type=activities>

Holiday Helpers: Littleton's Season of Giving

It's that time of year again — when Littleton comes together to make the holidays brighter for local families in need. Our Holiday Helpers program kicks off this month!

Keep an eye out for gift tag trees around town and details about our Holiday Helpers Trivia Night fundraiser.

Every tag, every trivia question, every dollar raised helps Littleton families who could use a little extra support this season.

Families who apply through PRCE are eligible if they meet the 2025 National Poverty Index, and 100% of donations go right back into the community.

♡ Thank you, Littleton, for continuing to show what true community spirit looks like — year after year.

Welcome to Our New Team Members!

We're thrilled to introduce two new faces to the PRCE team!

- **Jeff Babbitt**, our new **Program Coordinator**, brings fresh energy, creativity, and a passion for building meaningful recreational experiences for all ages.
- **Nate Glencross**, our new **Office Coordinator**, joins us with a strong background in community engagement and organization — helping keep everything running smoothly behind the scenes.

We're so excited to have them on board — be sure to say hello when you see them around town or at upcoming programs!

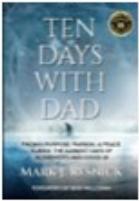


Elder and Human Services

Ten Days With Dad: A Story to Touch and Inspire You with

Author Mark Renick

Wednesday, Nov. 5th, 1:00-2:30pm, Multipurpose Room



Finding Passion and Peace in your Life During the Darkest Days of Alzheimer's and COVID-19

Have you ever learned more from someone in ten days than you did during their entire lifetime? What if that person was your father as he battled Alzheimer's during a global pandemic. Join Mark Resnick, author of *Ten Days with Dad*, as he recounts his ten unforgettable days spent with his dad prior to moving into assisted living after his diagnosis with Alzheimer's disease.

Mark J. Resnick is a storyteller, speaker, and advocate for finding purpose and meaning in life's most challenging moments. This event is co-sponsored by The Reuben Hoar Library and RiverCourt. Desserts and refreshments will be served. Please call (978) 540-2470 to register.

Copies of Ten Days with Dad are available at the library.

Sand for Seniors

Snow and ice are right around the corner! Sand for Seniors is a program designed to increase safety during the winter and was created for eligible seniors who are physically or financially unable to acquire their own bucket of an ice melt product. This program is available to senior Littleton residents who meet the following criteria:

-be a Senior Littleton resident; -live in their own home; -and are unable to physically get ice melt product OR unable to afford ice melt product. If you are interested in the program, please call the EHS Office to confirm your eligibility. If you qualify, you will have a bucket of ice melt product delivered to your door by a staff member or volunteer for use on your property. For more information or to sign up for the program please call 978-540-2470.

Fuel Assistance

As we get into the cold weather now is the time to apply for fuel and heating assistance. Southern Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) facilitates the Fuel Assistance program for Littleton and 36 surrounding communities. This is an eligibility-based program that looks at your gross income and family size to determine eligibility. For those who applied and were approved for the 2024-2025 season, you should have received your re-certification application for the 2025-2026 season. If you would like to apply or need assistance with the application process, please contact our Outreach Department to schedule a confidential appointment 978-540-2470.

Senior Tax Work Off Program Participants: Please hand in your first time sheet by Friday, November 28th at the latest! These timesheets should include any hours worked July 1 through November 30th. Timesheets will be collected at the EHS/COA Office. Your second timesheet will be due February 27th, 2024.

Medicare Open Enrollment is here!

Medicare plans change every year. This is the time to decide on your coverage for 2026. SHINE counselors provide free Medicare counseling to help you compare options.

Call us for a SHINE appointment between October 15 and December 7!

REMINDER: At your appointment, please have your Medicare card, other insurance cards, your drug list and your Medicare account username and password. If you don't have an account, you can go to Medicare.gov to create one.



Elder and Human Services

Friendsgiving Luncheon followed by the Singing Trooper!

Monday, November 24th, in the MPR

Luncheon 1:00-3:00PM, Entertainment 3:00-4:00PM

Join us for a fabulous Friendsgiving lunch provided by The Rotary Club followed by a performance by Dan Clark - The Singing Trooper. Dan has had appearances with The Boston Pops, 2013 Worlds Series Boston Red Sox, and opened for Lee Greenwood. Dan has been featured in National Television Fox News, National Geographic, and in People Magazine.



Dan has performed for President George and First Lady Barbara Bush, Sail Boston The Tall Ships, the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington DC. His special presentation of his National Anthem is in the 9/11 museum in New York City. He continues to travel the nation performing full shows.

Please call (978) 540-2470 to register. There is no charge for this event.

Turkey BINGO

Friday, Nov.14th 6:00-8:00pm, MPR

It's that time again!! Our Turkey BINGO was such a success last year that we are doing it again! Join us for tons of fun, door prizes, basket raffles, 50/50 raffle and BINGO!

\$10 per person for 10 games. This is sure to be another fun-filled night! Please call (978) 540-2470 to register.

Lost Restaurants of Yesteryear

Monday, Nov.10th, 2pm, Program Room 2

From legendary seafood houses to elegant tea rooms and forgotten department store cafés, we'll revisit the dishes, decor, and stories behind restaurants that once defined a neighborhood or era. Expect a flavorful mix of history, trivia, and personal memories—with a side of “Remember when?” Perfect for food lovers, longtime locals, and anyone curious about the changing tastes of the city.

Please call (978) 540-2470 to register. There is no cost for this program.

Boston Pops Trip with Bloom Tours

Thursday December 11th, Bus Departs at 11am from the Center on Shattuck Street

Join Bloom Tours for a performance filled with holiday music favorites, the traditional Pops sing-a-long, and even a visit from jolly old Santa Claus! Seats are located in the first balcony. Before the show, we will go to the Cheesecake Factory for a delicious lunch. A perfect holiday celebration!

Motor coach Will Depart: 11:00AM from the Littleton Center on Shattuck.

Approximate Return: 6:15PM For Reservations, Please Contact: 978-540-2470. \$203 per person. Driver gratuity included. **Full payment due by 11/7/2025.** Tour is non-refundable. TRIP OPERATED BY BLOOM TOURS

Painted Pine Craft Class: Farmhouse 3-Tier Wooden Block Craft Party

Thursday, Nov. 20th, 9:30am-11:00am, Art Room



Get crafty and cozy with us as we create a farmhouse-style three-tier wooden block décor piece—the perfect addition to your seasonal home decorating! Each guest will receive a set of tiered blocks plus a topper to paint and decorate. Personalize your project with your own color choices, and festive toppers. All supplies included – just bring your creativity!

You'll leave with a one-of-a-kind piece of décor that's uniquely yours—perfect for your holiday home or gifting! \$30 per person. Please call to register: 978-540-2470



Elder and Human Services



FOOD RESOURCES FOR LITTLETON RESIDENTS



Residents experiencing food insecurity are encouraged to review the attached list of available resources or call the Elder and Human Services Dept. at 978-540-2470 for the most updated information and guidance.

FOOD PANTRIES & COMMUNITY SUPPERS

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, 234 Barnum Road, Devens, MA

Contact Grace to complete the initial registration 978-772-4627 ext. 312 No income limit, up to 2 visits per month. www.loavesfishespantry.org/

Acton Community Supper and Food Pantry, 235 Summer Rd, Boxborough, MA www.actonfoodpantry.org or call (978) 635-9295

Registration is required for the first visit to the pantry.

Stone Soup Kitchen Ministries, 21 Washington St. Suite C, Ayer MA

stonesoupkitchenmintries@gmail.com. Open Social, Potluck & Support; Every Friday; 4:00-5:00pm open Social, 5:00-5:30pm Potluck Dinner, 5:30-6:00pm Desert and Support Every Saturday they offer an Open Food Pantry from 10:00am – 12:00pm

Mt. Calvary Community Supper, 472 Massachusetts Ave, Acton, MA www.mtcalvaryacton.org or (978) 263-5156

Community supper is served every Wednesday starting at 4:30pm.

Devens Lunch Canteen with Clear Path for Veterans New England, Devens Empowerment Center, 84 Antietam St, Devens, MA 01434

Free lunch for Veterans & families on Thursdays from 11:00AM -2PM. Register online: https://clearpathnewengland.formstack.com/forms/devens_lunch_canteen

Center on Shattuck Congregate Meal for Ages 60+, 33 Shattuck St., Littleton MA Monday – Friday, 12pm-1pm, at the Center on Shattuck St. Registration required the day before, 781-325-7879 (*\$3.00 voluntary donation per meal*)

Neighborhood Supper, Congregational Church, 330 King St. Littleton, MA Every Tuesday evening at 5:00pm at the church.

Catholic Charities, 70 Lawrence St., Lowell, MA Pantry Program Monday-Thursday 1:00pm-3:30pm

1st time participants should bring proof of address and household size.



Elder and Human Services

LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRY BOX LOCATIONS

Available to anyone in need. Take what you need, or leave a donation.

- 37 Shattuck St: Back of Town Hall building near the patio
- 36 King St.: PRCE and School Administration building
- 461 King St: Baptist Church

OTHER RESOURCES

Meals on Wheels: (888) 222-6171

The Minuteman Senior Services Meals on Wheels program delivers a hot lunch to home-bound older adults who are unable to prepare their own meals and who meet certain guidelines. The program can accommodate special dietary needs for those with health conditions. Call to determine eligibility: 888-222-6171

Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline: 1-800-645-8333

You can find information about food programs or chat with Project Bread's counselors by calling or texting our hotline number (1-800-645-8333).

Hotline Hours: Mon-Fri - 8am - 7pm & Sat: 10am - 2pm

WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)

(800) 942-1007 or visit 63 Park Street, Ayer, MA 01432, Monday-Friday 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

WIC is a nutrition program that provides healthy foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to healthcare and other services, free of charge, to MA families who qualify. WIC's goal is to help children under 5 and those that are pregnant, just had a baby or are breastfeeding stay healthy. Apply online: www.mass.gov/forms/apply-for-wic-online

Littleton Elder and Human Services

Littleton Elder and Human Services has a dedicated team who provide needs assessments to determine appropriate services, including but not limited to: fuel assistance, housing, veterinary assistance, SNAP application assistance, information and referrals.

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

For more information, email Amy [ademichele@littletonma.org] or call 978-540-2472, or email Alicia [arego@littletonma.org] or call 978-540-2469.



Elder and Human Services

HOW TO HELP

For those looking to help, we encourage you to reach out to the organizations listed above to explore ways the community can help.

To support our local pantry, Loaves and Fishes, contact Grace at 978-772-4627 ext.312 or visit <https://loavesfishespantry.org/donate/>

To support the Neighborhood Supper, make checks payable to Neighborhood Supper and drop off at Congregational Church or mail to: PO Box 112, Littleton, MA 01460

To support the Stone Soup Kitchen Ministries, checks can be mailed to Stone Soup Kitchen at 21 Washington St, Suite C, Ayer MA 01432 or email them for their current needs at stonesoupkitchenministries@gmail.com

The Littleton Elder & Human Services will accept nonperishable donations to support the Little Free Food Pantries in town as well as grocery store gift cards. Checks may be made out to "Littleton EHS" with "Outreach & Programs Gift Fund" on the memo line.

Non-Perishable Food Donation Boxes in Town

There will be four Town bin locations for donating non-perishables beginning 11/3/25:

- Littleton Town Hall – 37 Shattuck Street (Main Entrance)
- Littleton Fire Station – 20 Foster Street
- Littleton Police Station – 500 Great Road
- Reuben Hoar Library – 35 Shattuck Street



Health Department

Safe Food Practices for a Healthy Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time for family, friends, and great food, but foodborne illness can spoil even the best holiday meal. The Littleton Board of Health reminds residents to follow these food safety tips to keep your Thanksgiving feast safe and enjoyable:

1. Thawing the Turkey Safely

- Thaw your turkey in the refrigerator, not on the counter. Thawing at room temperature encourages bacterial growth. Allow 24 hours for every 4–5 pounds of turkey.
- For faster thawing, you may use cold water, changing the water every 30 minutes. Cook immediately after thawing.

2. Preparing and Handling Food

- Wash hands, utensils, and surfaces before and after handling raw poultry.
- Use separate cutting boards for raw meat and ready-to-eat foods to prevent cross-contamination.
- Avoid washing raw turkey. This spreads bacteria around your sink and counters.

3. Cooking Thoroughly

- Use a food thermometer to ensure the turkey reaches an internal temperature of 165°F in the thickest part of the breast, thigh, and stuffing (if cooked inside).

4. Serving and Storing Food

- Keep hot foods hot (above 140°F) and cold foods cold (below 40°F).
- Refrigerate leftovers within two hours of serving.
- Eat leftovers within 3–4 days

A few careful steps in the kitchen can help ensure your Thanksgiving is remembered for all the right reasons. For more information on safe holiday cooking, visit www.foodsafety.gov

November is Diabetes and Lung Cancer Awareness Month

November is a time to focus on two important health issues that affect many Massachusetts families: diabetes and lung cancer. Take these small steps toward prevention and early detection.

Diabetes Awareness:

- Know your risk: family history, weight, and physical inactivity all play a role.
- Stay active and choose balanced meals to help keep blood sugar levels stable.
- Schedule regular checkups and screenings with your healthcare provider.

Lung Cancer Awareness:

- If you smoke, consider quitting. Help and resources are available through 1-800-QUIT-NOW or makesmokinghistory.org.
- Ask your doctor if you qualify for a low-dose CT scan, which can detect lung cancer early.
- Support clean indoor air and avoid secondhand smoke whenever possible.



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Conservation

Thanks to our Conservation Eagle Scout Volunteers!



Sid Padamati — New Boardwalk in Hartwell Conservation Land

Joshua Lewis — New Trail connecting Newtown Hill and Williams Land

Sid organized a team of volunteers to build an 80-foot long wooden boardwalk along the existing yellow perimeter trail in Hartwell Conservation Land. This boardwalk not only helps hikers stay clean and dry while walking this section of the trail when it is wet, but also protects our valuable wetland resources from trampling! Sid completed the boardwalk in late July.

Thanks Sid!!

We also are incredibly grateful for Jim O'Neil, longtime volunteer, who helped both these Scouts and countless others with their projects. Thanks Jim!!

Joshua Lewis — New Trail connecting Newtown Hill and Williams Land

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Thanks Sid!!



*Interested in volunteering?
 Contact us at conservation@littletonma.org*



Library



November 2025 News & Events from the Reuben Hoar Library

Please visit www.littletonlibrary.org to register

Adult Programs:

Medicare Supplement or Medicare Advantage Plans? Which is best for you?

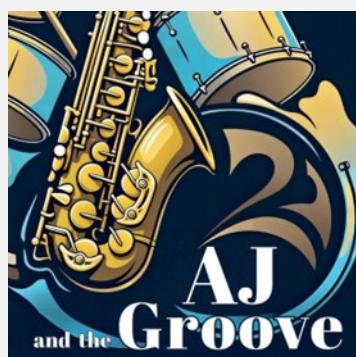
- Wednesday, November 5th at 6:00 pm in the Sturtz Room

This is a free seminar on the difference between Medicare Supplement Plans versus Medicare Advantage Plans.

Acorn Necklace (Arts & Crafts for Adults)

- Saturday, November 15th at 2:00 pm in the Murray Conference Room

This class will teach students how to layout a necklace pattern, determine proper spacing and length of necklace and learn how to attach clasps using crimp beads and tools. Students select beads or gemstones and customize each necklace as their own design.



AJ & The Groove

-Tuesdays November 25th @ 7:00pm in the Sturtz Room (Check Calendars for changes)

Come and relax to some great Jazz Band music with this up-and-coming local new group!



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October 2025 News & Events from the Reuben Hoar Library

Teen Programs:

Teen LoFi Study Lounge

-Wednesdays at 2:30pm in the Murry 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.



Children's Room

Toddler Storytime

-Tuesdays & Fridays @ 10:30am in the Sturtz Room (Check Calendars for changes)

Saturday Toddler Story Time – Saturday, Nov. 15th 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.

Babygarten Story Time for Children 0-18 months

Thursdays 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.

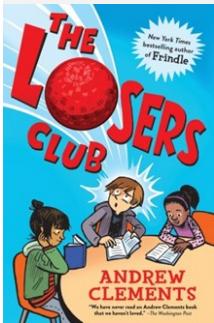
Space is limited to 12 babies every week so please sign up for the classes that you are able to attend. We will have a wait list.

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



Library

4th Grade Book Club-Tuesday, November 18th at 3:45pm in the Murray Room



Join Mr. Seth 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 The Loser's Club by Andrew Clements will be behind the circulation desk and you can pick them up beginning October 21! 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 @ 11:00am in the Sturtz Room

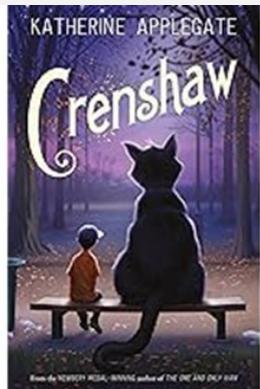
In "Littles and Letters" Story Time, we will be doing a letter per week, starting in September with the letter "A." Sign up online for a space in this fun story time with a craft. For ages 4 and up, our pre-school friends.



5th Grade Book Club

-Thursday, Nov. 20th at 3:45 pm in the Murray Room

Join Mr. Seth 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 Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate will be behind the circulation desk and you can pick them up beginning November 1! Just tell the librarians at the desk that you need a copy of the 5th grade book club book.





Library

Busy Bees Play Time

-Monday, November 24th 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.

Lego Club for ages 6 and up

-Tuesday, November 25th at 4pm in the Sturtz Meeting Room

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



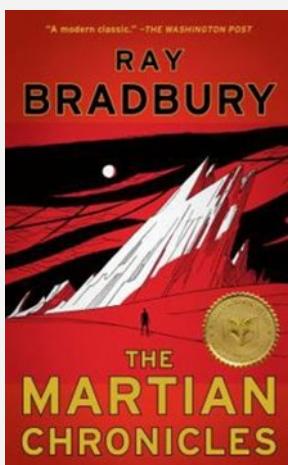
Book Clubs:

Laid Back Book Club 2.0

-Tuesday, November 4th 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.



Dirigible Book Club

-Tuesday, November 4th at 6:15pm in the Murray Room

This month's book is *The Martian Chronicles* by Ray Bradbury

The book club takes place at the Dirigible Brewing Company located at 24 Porter Rd in Littleton.



Library

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

-Tuesday, November 18th at 6:30pm in the Murray Room

Murderbot

Fugitive Telemetry; System Collapse

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

Third Wednesdays Book Club

-Wednesday, November 19th at 7:00pm in the Houghton Room

For November we will be reading *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Marjan Kamali

Library Schedule:

Tuesday, November 11th:

Closed in recognition of Veterans Day



Wednesday, November 26th:

Closed at 4:00 pm

Thursday, November 27th

Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday



Please check the library website at

www.littletonlibrary.org to sign-up for upcoming events and for changes in the schedule.

Scan the QR Code to get to our website.

Phone: 978-540-2600

Email: info@littletonlibrary.org





Library

*Tell us what
you think!*

take the
**LIBRARY
SURVEY!**

We are asking our patrons to complete a collection survey to help ensure that the Reuben Hoar Library's materials reflect the needs and interests of our community. Your feedback will guide future purchases, highlight areas where our collection can grow or improve, and help us provide a more diverse and engaging selection of books, movies, and other resources. By sharing your thoughts, you play an important role in shaping a library collection that truly serves everyone in Littleton.

Take the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VSFFXWD> or scan the QR code below:





Police Department

September



Calls	911	Arrests	Incidents	Citations	Crashes
1831	234	9	83	98	20



Command Staff Training

Chief Pinard and Deputy Chief Patterson attended the International Association of Chiefs of Police Convention in Denver, Colorado. The annual convention brings together law enforcement professionals from around the world to discuss innovative best practices in policing and learn ways to modernize policing.



Public Safety Partnerships

Officer Abu was invited to co-present with Liz from Littleton Elder and Human Services Department/The COA at the Annual Massachusetts Council on Aging Conference. Their presentation focused on the importance of "Public Safety Partnerships with COA," highlighting the growing collaboration between police departments and senior centers.

Littleton Police Department Receives Municipal Road Safety Grant

ACHIEVEMENT

The Littleton Police Department has been awarded the **Municipal Road Safety Grant**, enhancing community safety measures.

STATISTICS

With the grant, expected outcomes include a **reduction** in speeding, distracted driving, and pedestrian road safety.



IMPACT

This grant will significantly reduce traffic incidents, making our road safer for everyone in the community.



Grant Updates

The Littleton Police Department has been awarded funding through the Municipal Road Safety Grant Program and the Edward J. Byrne (JAG) justice grant

MRS will be used to conduct several enforcement campaigns targeting issues such as pedestrian safety, speed enforcement, drunk driving, distracted driving, and other related concerns. The funding from JAG will be used to purchase a brand new fully marked police motorcycle.



Fire Department

The Town of Littleton and the Littleton Fire Department are pleased to announce the promotion of Mike DeBlasio to Captain of Fire Prevention.

Captain DeBlasio has served the Littleton Fire Department with distinction since 2007, demonstrating exceptional dedication, professionalism, and leadership throughout his career. He also brings a deep understanding of the community and a strong commitment to public safety.

In his new role, Captain DeBlasio will oversee fire prevention efforts, including code enforcement, inspections, and public education programs designed to keep our residents and businesses safe. His experience and leadership will continue to strengthen the department's mission of protecting lives, property, and the environment.

The Town extends its sincere congratulations to Captain Mike DeBlasio on this well-earned achievement.





Fire Department



The Sound of Safety: Why Your Smoke and CO Detectors Should Have Voice Alerts

By Captain Michael DeBlasio, Fire Prevention Division

When it comes to keeping your family safe, smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors are some of the most important devices in your home. These small pieces of technology save lives every day — but not all detectors are created equal.

If you're replacing a combination smoke and carbon monoxide detector, take a moment to make sure your new one includes a voice alert feature. This feature doesn't just sound a tone — it also announces the type of emergency, such as "Smoke detected" or "Carbon monoxide detected."

That voice alert can make a big difference. In an emergency, especially when you're just waking up, hearing a clear voice that identifies the danger helps you respond faster and more effectively. It also helps children and older adults understand what's happening and what action to take.

Another improvement in newer detectors is **location programming technology**. This allows you to label or program each detector by its room location — such as "Kitchen," "Bedroom," or "Basement." When an alarm sounds, the system can tell you exactly where the issue is happening. This feature not only helps during a real emergency, but it also makes it easier to track and identify **false alarms**, so you can address them quickly and reduce unnecessary confusion.

So next time you're at the hardware store or shopping online, check the box. Look for a **combination smoke and CO detector with tone, voice alert, and programmable location features**. It's a small upgrade that adds an extra layer of safety, clarity, and confidence when every second counts.

Test your alarms monthly, replace batteries as needed, and remember — working detectors save lives.



Fire Department



Littleton FD would like to thank everyone who came to visit us during our Open House event. We hope you had a great time and will come back to see us again next year!





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://littletonmaboard.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

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



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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>





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School Committee

Greetings from the Littleton School Committee!

Exciting news! At the October 28 Town Meeting residents voted overwhelmingly (826-60) to authorize the town to issue the bonds necessary to build a new Shaker Lane School. The turnout was incredible, and at one point the line to get into the Middle School gym extended all the way to the street. Then on November 1 residents again voted overwhelmingly (1588-359) to fund the project. This allows us to accept the \$38M grant from the MSBA and move forward with a new school. We are very grateful to Annalise Taber and the entire "[Yes for Littleton](#)" campaign for their work in bringing easy-to-understand information to the public. They were responsive to the questions coming from the community and prepared numerous resources addressing concerns as they arose. We also appreciate all of the residents who hosted the yellow "YES" signs on their lawns in support of a new Shaker Lane School, and thanks to all who helped plan and facilitate the logistics at Town Meeting so that young families could attend. We are proud to live in a town that values education and prioritizes its youngest learners! **THANK YOU!**

Important Information Regarding SNAP Food-Assistance Benefits:

Littleton Public Schools would like to share important information about upcoming changes and uncertainties regarding the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) food assistance benefits, which may affect some of our students' families. If you are concerned that you may lose access to SNAP or your benefits are delayed, the schools are our community partners are here to help:

- [Littleton Public Schools Wellness Committee](#)
- [Littleton Outreach Services](#)
- [Littleton Food Programs / Nutrition](#)
- Project Bread Foodsource Hotline: 1-800-645-8333 (food assistance in 180 languages)

Cultural Fair:

On November 6, the Russell Street and Shaker Lane Schools will cohost a Cultural Fair. The community will come together for an evening full of diversity, traditions, family, friends, and fun! There will be food, dancers, and hands-on activities. Last year's Cultural Fair was a huge success, and we welcome everyone to attend on November 6, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, at the Shaker Lane Gymnasium and Cafeteria.



School Committee

Shaker Lane Fundraiser:

Finally, we have more exciting news coming from the Shaker Lane School. On October 17, the PTA hosted the school's first Fun Run fundraising event. During the event, students spent 20 minutes running or walking around an obstacle course set up by the

PTA. The day was filled with laughter and smiles as students tried to complete as many laps as they could, while wearing custom Fun Run t-shirts. All students were encouraged to register for the event and collect donations

from family and friends. The fundraising goal was \$20,000, but students raised an eye-popping \$48,000 from the event! Proceeds will support programs, field trips, classroom supplies, resources, and services that will enrich and maximize education for Shaker Lane students.



All of us on the Littleton School Committee are beyond grateful for the support of the community as we work to promote the best education possible for our children.



Littleton Public Schools



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Julie Lord, Instructional Technology Coordinator

ATTENTION LITTLETON RESIDENTS

In accordance with Chapter 766, Massachusetts Special Education Law, Littleton Public Schools is committed to identifying children who may have disabilities and be eligible for evaluation and special education services. Eligible children include those from age three through twenty-one, up to their twenty-second birthday.

If you or your agency are aware of a Littleton resident who may have an educational disability and is not currently receiving services through the Littleton Student Services Department, please refer the student or contact our office for more information.

Inquiries and referrals should be directed to:

Margaret Desilets, Student Services Liaison

Littleton Public
Schools 36 Shattuck
Street

Littleton, MA 01460

Phone: (978) 540-2503

It is the policy of the Littleton Public Schools not to discriminate on the basis of race, gender, religion, national origin, color, homelessness, sexual orientation, gender identity, age or disability in its educational programs, services, activities or employment practices. Further information may be obtained by contacting Lyn Snow, District Equity Coordinator at 978-540-2500, lsnow@littletonps.org or 36 King Street Littleton, MA 01460. Our MISSION is to foster a community of learners who strive for excellence and prepare each student to be a successful, contributing citizen in a global society. As a district, we commit to evolve together as a diverse community through education, accountability, and compassion.



November 2025

S u	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION - LITTLETON MIDDLE SCHOOL - CHARLES
2	3 Select Board Meeting - November 3rd, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall) Select Board - Public Hearing: Property Tax Classification Hearing - November 3rd, 2025 @ 7:00 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)	4 Conservation Commission - Public Hearing: 15 Park Drive - November 4th, 2025 @ 7:45 PM - Virtual via Zoom Conservation Commission - Public Hearing: 242 King Street - November 4th, 2025 @ 8:00 PM - Virtual via Zoom	5 Clean Lakes Committee Meeting - November 5th, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Hybrid: In-Person, Room 301 (Town Hall) & Virtual Via Zoom School Committee - Policy Subcommittee Meeting - November 5th, 2025 @ 2:00 PM - Superintendent's Office (36 King Street)	6 Littleton School Committee Meeting - LCTV Room Shaker Lane School Building Committee - Construction Manager At-Risk Prequalification Subcommittee Meeting - November 6th, 2025 @ 2:00 PM - Virtual via Zoom	7	8
9	10 Charter Committee Meeting - November 10th, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)	11 Town Hall Closed Veteran's Day Ceremony	12	13 Planning Board Meeting - November 13th, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall) Planning Board - Public Hearing: Adult Use Marijuana Establishments Special Permit (537 Great Road) - November 13th, 2025 @ 6:55 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall) Planning Board - Public Hearing: Adult Use Marijuana Establishments Special Permit (160 Ayer Road) - November 13th, 2025 @ 7:10 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)	14	15
16	17 Select Board Meeting - November 17th, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall) Select Board - Public Hearing: Change of Manager (Energy North, Inc. - 256 Ayer Rd.) - November 17th, 2025 @ 7:00 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall) Select Board - Public Hearing: Class II License Application (Zaks Automotive, Inc. - 2 Harvard Rd.) - November 17th, 2025 @ 7:15 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)	18 Littleton Conservation Trust	19 Community Preservation Committee Meeting - Hybrid: In-Person Room 103 (Town Hall) & Virtually via Zoom	20 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - November 20th, 2025 @ 7:00 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall) Littleton School Committee Meeting - LCTV Room	21	22
23	24 Charter Committee Meeting - November 24th, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)	25	26	27 Town Hall Closed	28	29
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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/>

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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](#)

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 Schools
Town of Littleton, MA

[Littleton Public
School District](#)



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

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