

Town of Littleton Newsletter



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June 2024



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"The soul of a community resides in its small town spirit".

Message From Your Select Board

Welcome to our very first monthly newsletter! We believe the newsletter will be an important new way to keep residents informed, and hope it will be the beginning of many good things to come.



Town elections were held on May 11. Congratulations to all of our newly elected officials. Thank you to all who participated in our annual Town Meeting on May 7th. Please share your

ideas on how to improve participation at Town Meeting and make Town Meeting better for everyone.

The Select Board will continue to collaborate with the Orchard Working Group on the Nagog Hill Orchard. Our

focus is on determining next steps in light of the Town Meeting vote to continue to hold the property. Ideas are appreciated as we investigate our options.

Don't forget the Select Board holds office hours most Fridays at the library from 1-3 PM. Please stop by with any questions or concerns, or just to say hello! Hours are updated on the Town website.

Annual Town Meeting Results

[Watch Town Meeting Video](#)

1 - Annual Report	Pass
2 - Bills of Prior Year	Pass
3 - FY 24 Operating Budget Line Item Transfers	No Affirmative Action
4 - FY 25 Operating Budget	Pass
5 - FY 25 Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget	Pass
6 - Amend FY 24 Water Enterprise Fund Operating Budget	Pass
7 - FY 25 Sewer Enterprise Fund Operating Budget	Pass
8 - Purchase of Webster Property	Pass
9 - Transfer Funds to Community Preservation Committee Budget	Pass
10 - FY 25 Community Preservation Budget	Pass
11 - Declare Nagog Hill Orchard as Surplus Property & Authorize Sale	Fail
12 - Fund Rehabilitation of Former Indian Hill Music School (32/36 King St)	Pass
13 - MBTA Communities Zoning Bylaw and Zoning Map Amendment	Pass
14 - FY 25 Departmental Revolving Funds	Pass
15 - Authorize Utilization of Prudent Investor Rule for Town Trust Funds	Pass
16 - Authorize Transfer from Multiple Trust Funds	Pass
17 - Amendment to Oak Hill Stabilization Fund	Pass
18 - Transfer Funds from Oak Hill Stabilization Fund for use by Conscom	Pass
19 - FY 25 Capital Items from Available Funds	Pass
20 - FY 25 Other Items from Available Funds	Pass
21 - Amend Senior Center Project Article	Pass
22 - FY 25 LCTV Receipts	Pass
23 - FY Compensation Grid	Pass
24 - Capital Stabilization Fund	Pass
25 - Authorize Transfer of Funds from Capital Stabilization Fund for King St	Pass
26 - Creation of School Stabilization Fund	Pass
27 - Use of Debt Exclusion Stabilization from for FY 25 Excluded Debt	Pass
28 - Appropriation of Transportation Network Funds	Pass
29 - Fund Collective Bargaining Agreements	Pass
30 - Authorize Departure from Nashoba Associated Boards of Health	Pass
31 - Citizen Petition: Amend Town's Bylaws Regarding Marijuana Est.	No Affirmative Action
32 - Citizen Petition: Public Hearing Requirements for Town Projects	No Affirmative Action
33 - Citizen Petition: Voting Access for Littleton Residents	No Affirmative Action

Town Administrator



My name is Jim Duggan and I started here in Littleton as your Town Administrator a little over six months ago. I have spent practically my entire career in state and local government, from the fourth largest city in the Commonwealth, to a pass-through community on the border of tax-free New Hampshire, to a community with a robust visitor-based economy, and to a community that is identified as “you can’t get there from here”.

Throughout my career, I’ve learned what makes a community “tick”. I can honestly assert; the Town of Littleton has an openhearted aura I’ve never experienced to this extent previously. The residents are welcoming, respectful, and willing to help in any way possible. The Select Board is comprised of five collaborative members who are genuine, hardworking, and committed to identifying ways we can improve delivering town services to the residents. The volunteers for the vast number of boards and committees are passionate about the mission of their committee and take great pride in their decisions. The town staff is dedicated, smart, and constantly exhibits selfless work habits that benefit their co-workers, department, and residents of Littleton. Lastly, the cadre of civic organizations all have one objective – how can we help

residents of our community? It’s a great place to live and work!

I’m very accessible. If anyone has any ideas, concerns, or questions, please either drop by town hall, email me at jduggan@littletonma.org, or call my office at (978) 540-2460 or cell at (978) 621-9655. Through the summer, I will be going around to local businesses introducing myself and letting the owners/managers know we care and are here to help if possible. Please feel free to stop in and say Hi.

Town Clerk’s Corner

OH WHAT A NIGHT!

If you didn’t have a chance to attend Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 11th you missed the opportunity to use the new Merida Hand Held Clickers. The ease of voting was simply amazing. What most definitely would have been a two-night Town meeting closed out at 11:08pm. No more voice votes. No more hand counts. More importantly, no more check list and ballot counts, which

would mean standing in line and waiting for the grueling checking in, getting a paper ballot, placing the ballot in a box and then the clerk’s volunteers painstakingly counting each and every ballot. Done in 30 seconds and by the end of the night done in 20 seconds. Inconceivable at best! Thank you, LITTLETON.

For those of you that missed it, you will have another chance in the fall to try them out again.



Elections

A low voter turnout didn’t discourage the candidates from braving the cold and greeting those that came to cast their votes. Several new members have joined the ranks of office and have already come into the Clerk’s office to take their Oath. Please take the time to welcome one and all. This office thanks everyone for their time and effort and for putting themselves out there to run for office.

[ELECTION RESULTS](#)

Employment Opportunities - as of published date

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

[Financial Analyst](#)

[Facilities Manager](#)

[Equipment Operator](#)

[Communications Officer—Part Time](#)

[Firefighter/Paramedic](#)

[Seasonal Laborer—DPW](#)

[*Download an Application Here*](#)



Project Updates

Senior Center Building Update

The construction under Commodore Builders with the oversight of our Project Mangers from Vertex continues as planned and on schedule. The concrete footings are complete, and backfilling is now taking place. Next up is installing utilities – below slab plumbing and piping, below slab electrical, installing the water main to the building, installing electrical duct bank to the building. Steel framing is planned to begin in June. Stay tuned for a beam signing ceremony and cookout in June to celebrate another milestone in the project!

36 King Street Update

The February 15, 2023, Special Town Meeting voted to purchase the former

Indian Hill Music School at 36 King Street in Littleton for \$3,500,000. The Town subsequently worked to develop a design of the approximately 21,500 square-foot building to accommodate the Parks, Recreation, and Community Education (PRCE) Department and the Littleton School Department Administration.

The May 7, 2024, Annual Town Meeting just approved Article 12 to fund the rehabilitation. The allocated \$2,981,047 is based on an actual bid from Classic Construction of Littleton. Objectives for the renovation include:

- Replacement of a 30+ year asphalt shingle roof (16,000 square feet)
- Repair exterior trim
- Repaint exterior trim and siding
- Minor fire suppression repairs
- Upgrade lighting to energy-efficient fixtures
- HVAC equipment maintenance and replacement where required
- Refinish interior wood floors
- Replace interior carpets

- Repaint interior walls, door frames and ceilings
- Install Town compatible security system
- Install Fire Department compliant equipment
- Upgrade technology to Town compliant system
- Interior space reconfiguration for programmatic needs
- Replace interior ADA/wayfinding signage
- Replace exterior building signage
- Moving needs for existing equipment & furniture

Classic Construction intends to mobilize in the May/June timeframe. The estimated eight-month renovation is scheduled for completion in late winter 2025. The renovated building will ultimately accommodate all PRCE, School Administration staff, and the after-school program, which are all currently located in Town Hall. Our thanks to Town Meeting for your continued support of this project.

New Health Department

In March of 2024, the approach in which Littleton receives health services underwent a significant transformation, transitioning from reliance on regional services provided by the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health to a localized health services model through a staffed department. In this pivotal shift, the Town and Board of Health made a strategic decision to appoint a Health Director to successfully establish and build a department. The Town welcomed Francis Dagle as Littleton's Health Director. The new Health Director assumes a crucial role in orchestrating the department's operations and shaping its

future trajectory. His responsibilities encompass not only the day-to-day management but also the conceptualization and realization of the department's evolving identity and vision for the future. Community members are encouraged to reach out to [Mr. Dagle](#) with any public health questions or concerns they may have.

We want to hear from you! Massachusetts has secured crucial settlement funds from pharmaceutical companies to combat the opioid crisis and its aftermath. The Town will receive a portion of these funds to address our community's specific needs. We invite

you to help us focus on key areas for development, recommend solutions, and identify opportunities for innovative programs.

Please complete our survey to share your insights and suggestions. You can access the survey by scanning the QR code, visiting the Department [webpage](#), or picking up a paper copy at the Town Hall in Room B-100. Your input is invaluable in shaping our community's future.

Click [HERE](#) to take the survey or scan the QR Code



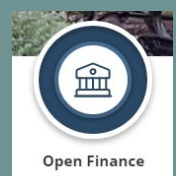
Happy Spring from the Accounting Department

June is a very busy time of year for Accounting as our fiscal year end is June 30th. We will be processing large amounts of invoices, and reviewing expenses and revenues for accuracy as we start the process of closing out our books.

Current financial data can be found

by clicking the Open Finance button on the Town of Littleton website landing page. Open Finance feeds directly from our Financial Software (a one-way feed only), and provides transparency into government financial data. This information is updated approximately once per week.

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Sustainability Committee

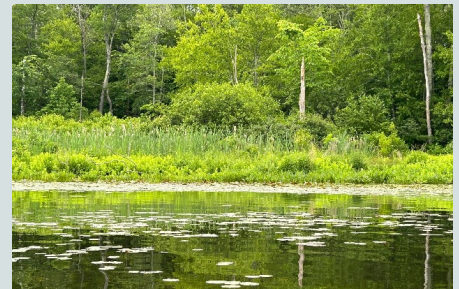
The Sustainability Committee would like to announce [Energize Littleton](#), an interactive website that the Town of Littleton has created in partnership with MassEnergize.

Energize Littleton is an opportunity for all residents of Littleton to learn about and share the many ways we can personally take action to help our town residents decrease energy bills, reduce pollution, and more.

Here's how you can get started:

- Take a quick and simple 2-minute tour of the [Energize Littleton site](#).
- Join the community by creating a profile.
- Explore the actions and check off the ones you and your household will do.

By joining Energize Littleton, you will be an important part of reaching our goal of at least 100 Littleton households taking action in 2024. Thank you!



Library

View Book Top Choices

Mondays at 6am in the Murray Room - Monday Morning Writing Club - Bring your laptop. Bring your coffee. Bring pages for a fellow writer to read and give feedback on.

Thursday, June 13th at 5:30pm in the Sturtz Room: Gelli Plate Club - an open gallery for gelli plate printers.

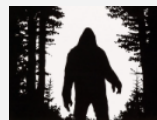
Thursday, June 20th at 6:30pm in the Sturtz Room - "Civil Rights and Civil Disobedience" presented by the Thoreau Society.

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

Saturday, June 22nd at 1pm in the Sturtz Room - Join us for a painting class with Julie Harrold. We'll be painting fireflies and lanterns.

Thursday, June 27th at 6pm - Adult Board Game Night - Calling all board game enthusiasts!

Thursday, June 27th at 6:30pm - Finding Bigfoot with Ronny LeBlanc - Join local author and Travel Channel's Ronny LeBlanc of the hit reality



Warner Bros Discovery Television series "Expedition Bigfoot" and "Paranormal Caught on Camera" for a presentation on Bigfoot in Massachusetts.

Teen Lofi Study Lounge takes place **Wednesdays at 2:30pm** in the Murray Room.

Tie Dye Event for Kids and Teens takes place on **Wednesday, June 26th at 1pm** in the Sturtz Room.

Library will be closed June, 19th for Holiday.

Information Technology

The IT Department continues to promote *Cyber Security Awareness* by running training campaigns including Email Phish Test, Training Videos, Email Reminders and Posters.

Our goal is to spread Security Awareness to all employees to stress the importance of security knowledge.

We have all the safeguards in place, but it is our end users who are the ultimate human firewall!



Questions regarding the town website?

Email WebQuestions@littletonma.org

What is Phishing?

Phishing attacks are the practice of sending fraudulent communications that appear to come from a reputable source. It is usually done through email. The goal is steal sensitive data like credit card and login information, or to install malware on a victim's machine.

Current Board Vacancies (Appointed by the Select Board) [Click Here to Apply!](#)

- * **AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
Two (2) residents with specific experience - term expiring June 30, 2027
- * **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**
One (1) member (engaged in farming, employed in agricultural field and/or with knowledge/experience in agricultural practices / business) - term expiring June 30, 2027
Two (2) citizen-at-large - term expiring June 30, 2027
- * **CLEAN LAKES COMMITTEE**
One (1) citizen-at-large - term expiring June 30, 2027
One (1) Lake Matawanakee member - term expiring June 30, 2027
One (1) Long Lake member - term expiring June 30, 2027
One (1) Spectacle Pond member - term expiring June 30, 2027
One (1) Mill Pond alternate - term expiring June 30, 2027
One (1) Spectacle Pond alternate - term expiring June 30, 2026
- * **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**
Three (3) members - term expiring June 30, 2027
Two (2) associates - term expiring June 30, 2026
- * **COUNCIL ON AGING**
Three (3) members - term expiring June 30, 2027
- * **CULTURAL COUNCIL**
Four (4) members - term expiring June 30, 2027
- * **DISABILITY COMMISSION**
One (1) member with disability - term expiring June 30, 2027
- * **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**
One (1) member – No expiration date
- * **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**
Three (3) members - term expiring June 30, 2027
- * **LITTLETON COMMUNITY TELEVISION (LCTV) ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Two (2) members - term expiring June 30, 2027
- * **MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**
Two (2) members - term expiring June 30, 2027
One (1) member - term expiring June 30, 2025
- * **PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE**
Two (2) members – term expiring June 30, 2029
- * **NAGOG HILL ORCHARD AD HOC WORKING GROUP**
Two (2) members – term expiring June 30, 2027
- * **PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
One (1) member - terms expiring June 30, 2027
- * **SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**
Two (2) members – terms expiring June 20, 2027
- * **TAXATION AID COMMITTEE**
One (1) member - terms expiring June 30, 2027
- * **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**
Three (3) alternate citizen-at-large members - terms expiring June 30, 2027
- * **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**
One (1) member - term expiring June 30, 2027
Two (2) alternate - term expiring June 30, 2027

APPOINTED BY TOWN MODERATOR

- * **Finance Committee**
One (1) member - term expiring June 30, 2027

Boards & Committees—Click [HERE](#) Agendas & Minutes

School Committee Update

Greetings to the community from the Littleton School Committee! We hope that this article will shine a light on some important honors and achievements happening in our schools.

Littleton High School earned high national and metro-area rankings in the 2024 Best High Schools, which the U.S. News and World Report released on April 30. By earning a national ranking in the top 40%, Littleton High Schools achieved status as a U.S. News Best High School. LHS ranked #36 in MA and #834 nationally. This honor also speaks to the achievements of the school system as a whole as educators at Shaker Lane, Russell Street, and Littleton Middle School prepare students for success at the high school level.



In November, Littleton Middle School was recognized as part of the 2024 U.S. News and World Report Best Middle Schools. It was ranked 138 out of 1,040 middle schools in Massachusetts. The middle school was also recognized by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) as one of the 66 top performing schools in the state.



Some individual students received important awards that deserve public recognition. Seven high school students participated in the state Massachusetts Science and Engineering Fair (MSEF) on April 5 at Gillette Stadium. The team received three awards;

Finn Canning and Finley Pletcher received the award for Outstanding Environmental Science Project, Arohan Pathak and Siddarth Padamati were awarded the Ricoh Sustainable Development Award, and Anika Jacob received an award for excellence in design and implementation. We're also delighted to report that Harish Ganesh attended the 2024 DECA International Career Development Conference in Anaheim on April 29, and came away with third place in financial consulting. We're very proud of these students and hope they bring their passion with them into the future.



In addition to these accolades, we would like to draw attention to an exciting student initiative. Students at LMS and LHS are involved in the Playbook Initiative which is a partnership between Project 351 and the Boston Celtics. The program trained two high school students, Haaris Khan and Kierob Cherubino, to facilitate middle school students in discussions around diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. The powerful impact of this program was on display when a large group of students spoke about the initiative at a school committee meeting in January.



In the next newsletter, we'll focus on the many exciting activities at Shaker Lane and Russell Street as we close out the school year. **Congratulations to our graduating seniors!**



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

The Conservation Department had a busy Spring season and looking forward to a busy summer.

The Amphibian Crossing Brigade worked hard on rainy nights at the end of February and beginning of March helping about 500 frogs and salamanders cross busy streets so that they can get to the vernal pools to breed. About 20 people, some from as far away as Boston, came out to help. We were also able to collect data from the vernal pool at Browns' Woods and will be getting the area certified by the State.

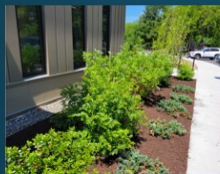
That was followed by Garlic Mustard pull season. Garlic mustard is a non-native, invasive plant species that is easy to pull at the beginning of the season and, with at least a couple of years of follow up, can eventually be removed from the area it is invading. The Littleton Conservation Trust (LCT) led a garlic mustard pull day and there will be follow ups so stay tuned!

Parks and Rec also helped lead the charge to have a weekend event to remove invasives plants from the "Frog Pond" and give the folks in the Long Lake Neighborhood a hand with their ongoing efforts to control invasives in their neighborhood. If you are interested in learning more about invasive plant species, you can become a Weed Warrior. The next events are May 24th at the Smith property and June 15th at Browns' Woods.

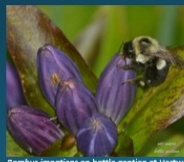
Littleton's Pollinators – National Pollinator Week June 20-26

Did you know:

- 75% of our flowering plants rely on pollinators
- Pollinators include bees (over 350 species!), butterflies, moths, wasps, flies and beetles



Plantings for at risk bumblebees at Reuben Hoar Library



Bombus impatiens on bottle gentian at Hartwell

Check out Littleton's Natural Resources on the Conservation webpage

Native plants: short/medium tongue species (nectar)



Native plants: short/medium/long tongue species (pollen)



Create a pollinator friendly yard

- Grow native plants
- Reduce pesticide use
- Replace some lawn with natural habitat
- Decrease light pollution
- Don't clean up

We are pulling together permits for the next round of boardwalk projects for this season, including (most likely) Cloverdale, Hartwell and Oak Hill, so hopefully that will make your walks on our Conservation lands easier! Volunteers always welcome!

And thanks to all who came out to Town Meeting in support of the purchase of the Webster property – almost 37 acres of mostly wooded land that will protect wildlife and wildlife corridors, historical and archaeological resources, streams, vernal pools and floodplain and provide new walking trails.

For more information on any of the above, please contact Amy or Tim at conservation@littletonma.org

LCTV LCTV Channels

Littleton Community Television

LCTV had a very busy May, covering Annual Town Meetings in both Littleton and Boxborough, plus Littleton High School's Commencement Ceremony, Senior Awards Night, and National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. In addition, we covered both LHS and LMS Spring Band Concerts, and Memorial Day!



We will be holding a free video production workshop on July 17th & 24th.

Sign-up in June to reserve your spot. 978-540-2488.



Comcast 8—Public Access Channel
Comcast 9—Government Channel
Comcast 22—Educational Channel
Verizon 36—Educational Channel
Verizon 37—Government Channel
Verizon 38—Public Access Channel

A picture is worth a thousand words.....



Center on Shattuck Street Groundbreaking



Town Clerk at ATM



Veteran's Agent Patriot's Day



Happy Retirement Chief Clancy



Annual Town Meeting 5/7/2024



Annual Town Meeting 5/7/2024



Patriot's Day



Veteran's Day



Lelwd/EHS Luncheon



Congrats Parks & Rec



Welcome Jim Duggan



Eclipse watching from the roof!



LFD



LCTV Crew



Public Safety Telecommunications

Treasurer/Tax Collector

Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Information



If you have not paid your FY24 Real Estate taxes in full by June 3, 2024, there will be a demand bill mailed. It will include a \$30 demand fee plus interest on the unpaid balance. The final quarterly payment was due on 5-1-24.

If you have not paid your Excise tax bills that were due on March 29, 2024, a demand bill will be mailed on May 20, 2024. This bill will have a \$10 fee plus interest.

The second RMV Excise tax billing was mailed on 5-8-24 for vehicles that were registered in the months of January 2024– March 2024. Please contact the Assessor's office at 978-540-2410 if you long owner own your vehicle. The RMV does not let us know!

Quarter 1 tax bills will be mailed by June 30, 2024. Bills are due on August 1, 2024.

You have numerous options for payment of Real Estate, Personal Property and Excise tax bills.

1. ONLINE PAYMENTS—We encourage you to pay your bill online using the ONLINE PAYMENTS link on the town's website www.littletonma.org. Credit and debit cards have a convenience fee charged by the bank, but ACH is free to residents as the town pays this fee.

2. DROP OFF BOX—For added convenience there is a secure payment drop off box located outside the main entrance to town hall.

3. MAIL—You may mail your check to the Town of Littleton, Tax Collector, PO Box 1305, Littleton, MA 01460 or to the town's lockbox bank at PO Box 882, Reading, MA 01867

4. IN PERSON HOURS—You may make payments in-person during office hours:

Mon 8am to 6pm

Tues thru Thurs 8am to 4:30pm

Friday 8am to 12:30pm

5. ELECTRONIC BANK CHECKS—If using electronic bank checks please put the bill number on the memo line.

Please make sure the mailing address on your check is set to:

Town of Littleton,

PO Box 1305

Littleton, MA 01460.

DO NOT use the lockbox address in Reading. This could delay your payment from being posted to your account. Interest begins to accrue the day after the payment is due.



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June 2024 Calendar & Events of Meetings

Check website for updates, additions & cancellations

www.littletonma.org/calendar

or scan barcode for live calendar



June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	Conservation Commission Meeting LELWD Meeting Sewer Public Forum Light and Water Commissioners Meeting	Nagog Hill Orchard Ad Hoc Working Group Meeting Shade Tree Committee	Sustainability Committee Meeting	Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member	8
9	Select Board Meeting Council on Aging Board Meeting	Cultural Council Meeting Financial Policy Working Group Agenda June 11th 630pm Rm 103 Townhall	Board of Health Meeting Historical Commission Meeting Parks & Rec Commission Meeting Kimball-Morrison Scholarship Selection Committee	Planning Board Meeting Planning Board Hearing - 95 Taylor St Third Thursday (2nd Thursday this month)	Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member	Weed Warrior Invasive Species Training/Pull
16	Library Trustees Meeting	Conservation Commission Meeting	Town Hall & Library Closed - Holiday	Littleton Rotary Carnival Zoning Board Meeting	Littleton Rotary Carnival Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member	Littleton Rotary Carnival Nashoba Praying Indians Pow-Wow
23 Littleton Rotary Carnival	24 Select Board Meeting	25	26 Board of Health Meeting	27	28 Town Administrator/Select Board Office Select Board Retreat	29
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Parks, Recreation & Community Education



Greetings from your award winning Parks, Recreation, and Community Education department! In March 2024 our department won Agency of the Year for Program Outreach at the Massachusetts Parks and Recreation Association (MRPA) conference. The awards specifically highlighted the Adult Recess program created by Jon Kazanjian. "This thoughtfully created program blends physical activity, social interaction, and a spirit of playfulness which creates a positive impact on the lives of individuals within the community." - Kate DeAngelis - Lexington Recreation.

If you haven't joined us yet for programs, special events, or facilities the Littleton Parks, Recreation & Community Education (PRCE) department's mission is to provide year-round high quality indoor and outdoor recreation and enrichment activities for children and adults in Littleton and the surrounding communities. Our goal is to provide cultural, social, and athletic programs in well maintained parks and facilities. To date we are honored to have served 50% of Littleton households and would love to encourage you to check us out if you haven't yet.

I also wanted to give an update on some of the projects that we are working on around town. At long lake this summer we are going to install a permanent ADA/ AAB walking path at Long Lake Beach; it will run from the corner of Beach Drive and Lake Shore Drive across the beach and connect with the parking lot. This path will permanently replace one section of the season ADA access mat. At May Town meeting we were awarded Community Preservation Act funds to completed resurfacing of the basketball courts at 300 King and to purchase another section of dock at Long Lake that would allow better access to the swimming area and allow us to create a separate fishing dock off of conservation land on Lake Shore Drive.



Third Thursdays have also kicked off for the summer. They run the third Thursday of May, June, July, and August. This event is an open-air marketplace is made up of farmers, local businesses, crafters, artisans and organizations, highlighting the community while creating family fun! Third Thursday takes place at Faye Park located at 20 Foster Street, Littleton MA, 01460. The events will run from 5:00p - 7:00pm. Free Parking & Free Admission

We love to hear from the community so please reach out and let us know what programs and events you would like to see. You can visit our website, www.littletonrec.com and follow us on Facebook for the most up-to-date information. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Alicia Day and the PRCE Team
LittletonRec@littletonma.org | 978-540-2490



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 Registration Details
 and Information!





Police

April 2024

Calls	1751
911	184
Arrests	9
Incidents	71
Citations	60
Crashes	15

LPD was awarded the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award for the Department.

This was awarded to all law enforcement departments that trains their entire command staff in Supervisory, Command and Executive level trainings with the FBI-LEEDA program.

Only 9 other departments in Massachusetts have achieved this status.



The month of May being Mental Health Awareness month allows for the opportunity to speak to the Littleton Police Department's steadfast commitment to addressing mental health issues as we respond to calls for service within our community. Increasingly today, law enforcement response to individuals in crisis has become a more common occurrence and concern amongst citizens. By employing specific strategies and programs surrounding the mental wellbeing of individuals, we can affect positive outcomes in our daily encounters within the community.

The Littleton Police Department is partnered with The Northwest Middlesex Community Outreach Initiative Network (COIN). COIN is a ten-town collaborative seeking to assist those suffering from substance use and/or mental health disorders by connecting them to services and treatment options available to them. As part of this partnership, Littleton benefits from a Police Clinician Co-Response program.

Susan Lemere is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker employed by COIN and assigned to the communities of Littleton, Westford, Boxboro, and Ayer. The program aims to provide immediate on-scene assessment, intervention, and referral to appropriate services, with the goal of de-escalating situations, reducing the use of force, and diverting individuals from the criminal justice system to mental health services.

During the week Susan divides her time amongst the departments, riding alongside officers, readily available to assist each department as her expertise is needed. Her relationships with the police agencies and the officers working by her side, along with the intimate knowledge and experiences gained working with the officers on scene during calls, is an invaluable resource and benefit to the departments as well as the individuals in need of services.

COIN provides follow-on care by providing post-response services as well. Their Community Counselors can establish continued care by creating relationships with individuals ensuring ongoing support and treatment is available to them. If you or a loved one are interested in talking with a COIN clinician, please call (508) 488-5072.



Chief Matthew Pinard reports that the Littleton Police Department will begin deploying body-worn cameras on all officers starting on Monday, May 20.

Funding for the body-worn cameras comes from a the Healy-Driscoll Administration's \$3.6 million Fiscal Year 2024 Body-Worn Cameras Grant Program, which awarded Littleton Police \$150,047 to launch its program.

All 23 members of the department, including the Chief and Deputy Chief, have been outfitted with body-worn cameras, which are embedded in their uniform to prevent them from detaching, and have received training from Motorola on how the devices operate and function.

Officers are now required by department policy to wear a body-worn camera at all times during their shift. Policy dictates that they activate the camera during all interactions with the public that are a result of a call for service, or any investigative or enforcement activity. Officers will keep in consideration the expectation of privacy when activating the body-worn camera in certain areas, such as private residences or hospitals.

Prior to the launch of the program, the department completed research into policy and best practices, vetted vendors, negotiated with the police union, worked with the selected vendor to tailor the system for the department's needs, and developed formal policies for camera use and data storage.

"I want to thank the administration for the generous grant funding which enabled us to launch this program without burdening the taxpayers of Littleton," said Chief Pinard. "We are excited to roll out this new program and to increase our level of transparency as we serve the Littleton community."



Fire

April 2024

Calls	1751
911	184



To schedule a child car seat inspection or installation, contact the Littleton Fire Department's

Child Passenger Safety Program at carseats@littletonfire.org



Littleton Fire Department would like to extend a warm welcome to our new

**Interim Fire Chief,
Steele McCurdy.**

With nearly two decades of dedicated service in the fire department, Chief McCurdy brings a wealth of experience and leadership to our team.

We are confident that Chief McCurdy's expertise and passion for public safety will guide us toward even greater achievements in ensuring the safety and well-being of our residents.

We look forward to working with you beginning June 1, 2024!



Elder & Humans Services - Click [HERE](#) to view the EHS Monthly Broadcaster

[Click here to watch the LIVE construction video of The Center on Shattuck Street](#)



The Department of Elder and Human Services (EHS) is a team of committed staff and volunteers dedicated to identifying and responding to the physical and emotional needs to all of our town's residents.

We provide programs, information and referrals that will enable residents to live independent and fulfilling lives. We welcome new ideas

that will increase our effectiveness not only in the quality of our service but also in making the community aware of what we have to offer.

Just A Few of Our Services

- * [Outreach Services](#)
- * [Senior Tax Work Off Program](#)
- * [TREAD Program](#)
- * [Transportation](#)

Veteran Services

The Town of Littleton Department of Veterans Services serves as an advocate for all veterans and their dependents. The department advises residents as to the availability of federal and state services and benefits to which they are entitled to. In addition, the department provides financial assistance to qualifying veterans, surviving spouses and their dependents. This department also assists veterans in applying for



federal VA benefits, such as service connected compensations, non-service connected disability pensions, medical benefits, home loans, educational

benefits, death and burial benefits, as well as pension benefits for those veterans in assisted living or are house-bound. This office is **not** affiliated with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs!

Director of Veteran Services
John Boroski
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Mondays & Thursdays
9:00 am—Noon

DPW



Highway

Pavement Preservation work on Old Orchard Lane, Nancy's

Way, David's Way and Mill Road (RTE 110 end) as well as the Matawanakee neighborhood began May 13th.

There is a quick [VIDEO](#) on the main DPW webpage showing some of the pavement preservation techniques.

- Taylor Street Sidewalk construction as part of the Amazon warehouse project will begin in July.

- Phase 1 of the Foster Street reconstruction project is out for bids with MassDOT. This project is a reconstructed roadway from Taylor Street to Balsam Lane with new drainage, new water main and a 10 foot wide shared use path for bicycles and pedestrians.

- Summer and fall paving schedule to begin in the upcoming months.

Parks

The irrigation well has been installed at Koerper Field and will be operational soon. The irrigation well on the Common is to begin in the next few weeks.

Transfer Station

FY25 stickers will be available for purchase June 1 online via Unipay on the Town website and at the Transfer Station by check or credit card.

Compost Bins Available – The DPW has obtained 20 compost bins for purchase at a discounted rate. Bins are available for \$55 and are at the DPW facility on Ayer Road for pick up. The bins are Orbis NPL-300 and can be seen on their website at:

<https://www.orbiscorporation.com/en-us/products/environmental-recycling-and-waste/compost-bins/npl-300-earth-machine/>

- Please call Highway at 978-540-2670 to reserve yours today. \$55 payable by check at the Highway office. Limit one per household.

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Transfer Station Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Noon to 7:00 pm

Saturday 8:00 am—5:00 pm

Report an Issue

Click [Here](#) to report an issue such as snow removal, mailbox damage, tree, pothole, etc.

Recycling In Littleton

Effective April 1, 2000 Massachusetts State Regulation 310 CMR 19.017 prohibits the disposal, or transfer or disposal of the following materials:

Asphalt pavement, brick and concrete
Cathode ray tubes
Clean gypsum wallboard
Ferrous and non-ferrous metals
Glass and metal containers
Lead acid batteries
Leaves and yard waste

[Mattresses](#) (effective November 1, 2022)

Recyclable paper, cardboard and paperboard
Single-resin narrow-necked plastic containers

[Textiles](#) (effective November 1, 2022)

Treated and untreated wood and wood waste (banned from landfills only)

White goods (large appliances)

Whole tires (banned from landfills only; shredded tires acceptable)



The following materials are **NOT** Acceptable in any container and **MUST** be recycled.

Glass (Bottles and Jars only)

Tin and Aluminum Cans

Plastics (# 1 and # 2 only)

Newspaper, cardboard and mixed paper

Yard Waste (Grass and Leaves)

Brush (Fee)

Auto and Household Batteries

Appliances (Fee)

Tires (16 inch maximum, Fee)

Used Motor Oil and Antifreeze

Scrap metal

Returnable Cans and Bottles (for non-profit groups)

Cathode Ray Tubes (TV's and Computer Monitors Fee)

Require A Sticker Items Accepted At No Charge

Waste Motor Oil—See Transfer Station personnel for disposal location

Textiles—Red Cross and Bay State Textiles containers are available for drop off. Please place all items in plastic bags before placing them in bins

Books/Media—More Than Words, MTW Youth.org containers

Mercury Reduction Program—Florescent light bulbs, mercury thermometers, button cell batteries

Transfer Station - Adopted by the Select Board May 13, 2024—Effective Date July 1, 2024

Residents may purchase stickers at the **Transfer Station** or online thru **UniPay**. Stickers are sold daily until one half hour before the posted closing time.

Stickers are sold on an annual basis. When purchasing a Transfer Station Sticker, residents must bring their vehicle registration as well as proof of residency.

Note:

Stickers entitle users to dispose of routine household residential refuse.

Stickers must be affixed to the lower left hand portion of the windshield at the time of purchase.

Access to the Transfer Station can be denied if the sticker is not affixed.

Fees for Miscellaneous Items entitle users with stickers to dispose of non-routine items on a periodic basis. In certain circumstances the user may be asked to identify the source of the non-routine item in order to be permitted to dispose of the item.

A pickup with a “load” is understood to be substantially full. The Attendant’s judgment shall be final in this matter.

The Attendant shall have the option of temporarily restricting the use of the Transfer Station due to operational or space problems.

Users may purchase stickers or pay fees at the Transfer Station with checks or credit cards. No cash will be accepted at the Transfer Station for Security Purposes. The appropriate fees will be collected for those items set out in the Transfer Station Fee Schedule regardless of whether the item is left in the swap shop or is to be discarded.

These Transfer Station Sticker Fees are valid from July 1st to June 30th of the following year.

Fees for Stickers:

First Sticker	\$155.00
Second Sticker	\$70.00
Senior Citizen-60 or older	\$60.00
Senior Citizen 2nd Sticker	\$35.00
Replacement/Lost Sticker	\$15.00
33 Gallon trash bag (each)	\$3.75
15 Gallon trash bag (each)	\$2.75
8.5 Gallon trash bag (each)	\$1.75

Fees for Miscellaneous Items:

Appliances Without Freon (each)	\$15.00
Dishwashers, stoves, water heaters	
Appliances With Freon (each)	\$25.00
Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners	
Microwave Ovens (each)	\$15.00
CRT's, TV's (each)	\$24.00
Propane Tanks (each)	\$15.00
Fire Extinguishers	\$8.00
Tires (each)	\$8.00
Bulky Furniture (each)	\$30.00
Couches, stuffed chairs	
Mattresses	\$40.00
Large Metal Items (each)	\$25.00
Wood/building debris (excludes asphalt shingles, drywall & insulation; full size pickup truck load)	\$75.00
Brush/logs (full size pickup truck load)	\$35.00

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Word Search

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community	conservation	littleton
farms	library	nomination
maps	municipality	taxes
parks	quorum	unanimous
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First Political Cartoon May 9, 1754



Join or Die

Library of Congress

Illustrated in the Pennsylvania Gazette, May 9, 1754

Join or Die, the first political cartoon published in an American newspaper, illustrates Benjamin Franklin's warning to the British colonies in America "join or die" and exhorting them to unite against the French and the Natives. It shows a segmented snake, "S.C., N.C., V., P., N.J., N.Y., [and] N.E."

This cartoon appeared in Ben Franklin's newspaper, the Pennsylvania Gazette on May 9, 1754 as part of an editorial by Franklin commenting on "the present disunited state of the British Colonies."

The woodcut drawing pictures a divided snake in eight pieces representing as many colonial governments. The drawing was based on the popular superstition that a snake that had been cut in two would come to life if the pieces were joined before sunset. The drawing immediately caught the public's fancy and was reproduced in other newspapers.

(Cited from: Colonial Williamsburg Primary Source of the Month)