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Message From Your Select Board



The [Select Board](#) had several productive meetings since the last newsletter, including a joint session with the Nagog Hill Orchard Work Group and a gathering of Town Department Heads.

Here's some news from our discussions:

-We took a moment to recognize community members Jonathan Vance and Peter McAnespie for their quick thinking and assistance to a neighbor in need during a Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. It's heartwarming to see such acts of kindness in our town.

-The Metropolitan Area Planning Council shared the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, which aims to prepare Littleton for future weather-related challenges. This plan could open doors to grant funding that would benefit our community.



Want to learn more?

Visit <https://www.littletonma.org/1124/Littleton-Hazard-Mitigation-Plan---UPDATE>.

-We've authorized the Town Administrator to move forward with construction contracts for the renovation of 36 King Street, transforming it into the primary offices for the School Administration and Parks and Rec department. This is an exciting step forward for our town facilities. We expect the facility to be open sometime next spring.

-The discussion about the Orchard Work Group's future role has been thought-provoking, especially after the Town Meeting vote to

reject the group's recommended action to sell the Orchard. We're actively addressing safety and structural concerns and assessing the price for removing diseased trees. Stay tuned for upcoming public information and listening sessions this summer!

- Studio G shared their plan for the Shaker Lane Elementary School feasibility study, exploring options for the future of Shaker Lane, including renovation or the construction of a new school. It's an important step in shaping the future of education in our town. A more detailed plan should be available this fall.

-The Select Board has started discussions on the structure of our town government. More details will be available over the summer. Please reach out if you're interested in shaping Littleton's future!

Littleton Select Board Meeting Schedule July—December 2024

Monday, July 15, 2024
Monday, July 29, 2024
Monday, August 12, 2024
Monday, September 9, 2024
Monday, September 23, 2024
Monday, October 7, 2024
Tuesday, October 29, 2024
Monday, November 4, 2024
Monday, November 18, 2024
Monday, December 2, 2024
Monday, December 16, 2024

- Select Board Meeting
- Select Board Meeting (optional if needed)
- Select Board Meeting (Open October 29th STM Warrant)
- Select Board Meeting
- Select Board Meeting
- Select Board Meeting
- Special Town Meeting & Select Board Meeting
- Select Board Meeting (Tax Classification Hearing)
- Select Board Meeting
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From The Desk of the Town Administrator



Happy summer! On Thursday, the Fourth of July, we will be celebrating our 248th anniversary on the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress, when 13 colonies declared their independence from King George III and Great Britain. It's a day we honor our ancestors' sacrifices and determination to break all ties with Britain and secure our freedom.

Over the years, I've celebrated the Fourth of July at large public events and with family. Both settings were heartfelt, in their own sense.

For all the public events I attended over the years, it was so encouraging and honorable to see the spirit of everyone embracing the meaning of the event. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings were telling young children how the United States of America celebrates our freedom from Great Britain, and they live in the greatest country in the World. Additionally, I've had the pleasure over the years to be sitting near people that were not citizens of America, but they would beam as they talked about this amazing country and determined to work very hard and become U.S. Citizens.

I was fortunate growing up in a large family. Every Fourth of July week, the family would fly in from all over the country so we could all be together in the family summer home on Newfound Lake. The week was full of laughter, fun banter, horseshoes, boating, and card games. The best part was when the whole family stopped what everyone was doing and gathered to watch the fireworks lighting up the sky over the lake. Other than the young kids, no one said a word. There was a silent, yet powerful, sense of pride and gratefulness amongst the adults on how blessed we were to live in such an incredible country.

Town Clerk's Corner—State Primary Election

The State Primary Election

Tuesday September 3, 2024

7:00 am – 8:00 pm

Littleton Middle School

55 Russell Street in the Charles
Forbes Kaye Gymnasium.



The last day to register to vote or change your party affiliation for the Tuesday September 3rd Election/Primary is Saturday, August 24 from 8:00 am – 5:00pm

Early In Person Voting for the State Primary Election will take place at 37 Shattuck Street Multi-Purpose Room
The timeline is as follows:

- Saturday, August 24
8:00 am—5:00 pm
- Monday, August 26
8:00 am —4:30 pm
- Tuesday, August 27
8:00 am—4:30pm
- Wednesday, August 28
8:00 am—4:30 pm

- Thursday, August 29
8:00 am—4:30 pm
- Friday, August 30
8:00 am—12:30 pm

Please contact the Clerk's Office if you have any questions, 978-540-2401 or townclerk@littletonma.org

If you did not respond to the State's postcard regarding receiving a ballot for Early Voting, you will receive a new one from them. This is State generated, not Town generated.

Employment Opportunities - as of published date

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

[Facilities Manager](#)

[Firefighter/Paramedic](#)

[Communications Officer—
Part Time](#)

[Seasonal Laborer—DPW](#)

[Seasonal Equipment Operator](#)

[Equipment Operator](#)

*Download an
Application Here*



Treasurer/Tax Collector



Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Information

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.

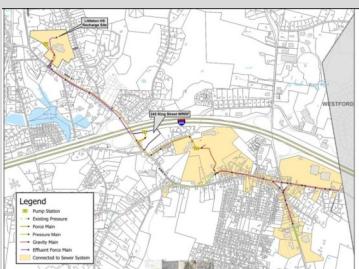
[Tax Collector | Littleton, MA \(littletonma.org\)](http://Tax Collector | Littleton, MA (littletonma.org))

If you have any questions, please contact Deborah Richards at 978-540-2405.



Public Sewer Forum

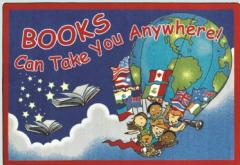
- Construction continues on the sewer collection system and wastewater treatment plant as LELWD gave a project update at a public forum on June 4th at the Littleton Police Station.
- The groundwater discharge site construction at the High School is 100% complete and the fields will be back in use for Fall sports.
- The sewer collection system construction continues on schedule, expected to be completed in November of this year. LELWD appreciates your patience as crews work through the Town Common area, requiring detours and traffic impacts at night.
- The treatment plant construction at 242 King Street also continues on schedule, with its completion expected in July of next year. The new sewer system will open up economic development opportunities in the Common area and improve groundwater quality in the town's drinking water aquifer.
- LELWD is also actively planning future expansion of the system to accommodate additional growth.



Library



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



Summer Reading is in full swing at the Reuben Hoar Library. The theme this year is "Books Can Take You Anywhere!" Children and Teens can sign up by visiting the library webpage at www.littletonlibrary.org. Adults, stop by the library to pick-up a bingo card!

The last day of the Summer Reading Program will be August 17th!



We are looking for artists for the library gallery. If you are interested in applying to display your art in the gallery, please send your name and contact information, along with 5 photo examples of your work and brief description to the Library Director at salvarez@littletonlibrary.org by July 12th.

Library Programming in July:

Adult Programming

Adult Board Game Night: Thursday, July 25th at 6:00 pm



Teen Room

Saturday, July 6 - Teen Zine Workshop, 1-3pm



Tuesday, July 9 - DIY Slime, 5-7pm

Thursday, July 11 - Teen Board Game Night, 6-7:30pm

Saturday, July 13 - Teen Gelli Plate Printing with Kimberly Stoney, 12-3pm

Tuesday, July 16 - Teen Advisory Board, 6-8pm

Thursday, July 18 - Dungeons and Dragons Club, 6-7:30pm

Saturday, July 20 - Oregon Trail Tournament, 1-3pm

Tuesday, July 23 - Maker Club 3D Print Workshop, 6-7pm

Thursday, July 25 - Teen Board Game Night, 6-7:30pm

Saturday, July 27 - Video Game Tournament, 1-3pm

Wednesday, July 31 - Taste Test, 6-7pm



[View Book Top Choices](#)

Children's Room

July 3: Story Time, 11:30, RR

July 9: Hands On Nature, 3:00, RR

July 10: Meet Sookie, 11:00, RR

Art Class with Julie Harrold, 2:00, RR

P.J. Story Time, 6:30, Drop in



July 11: Violet the Clown, 3:00, RR

July 12: Toddler Story Time, 10:30, RR

July 16: Dr. Rosie Helps the Animals, 2:00, RR

July 17: Learn to do Origami, 2:00, RR

July 18: Professor Bugman, 2:00, RR

July 19: Toddler Story Time, 10:30, RR

July 23: Cartoonist Rick Stromoski, 2:00, RR



July 24: Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals, 3:00, RR

July 25: Jay Mankita's Playful Engineers, 2:00, RR

July 26: Toddler Story Time, 10:30, RR

July 30: Rising 3rd and 4th Grade Book Club, 11:00, RR

July 31: Meet Sookie, 11:00, RR

Lego Club for ages 6 and up, 2:00, RR

Parks, Recreation & Community Education



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

**Click on Brochure for
 Registration Details
 and Information!**



Dear Residents,

We're thrilled to bring you the latest updates and announcements from the Town of Littleton Parks, Recreation & Community Education. Here's what's been happening:

1. Improving Accessibility:



At the request of our community members, the [Park and Recreation Commission](#) has approved the installation of a permanent walkway across Long Lake Beach, connecting Town Road to Lake Shore Drive. This initiative aims to enhance accessibility for all, particularly those with mobility issues, by providing year-round access instead of seasonal limitations. We're grateful to the [Conservation Commission](#) and [Disability Commission](#) for their support, as well as to [Highway](#) for their assistance with curb connections and J. Scott Excavation for their commendable work on the pathway.



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2. Summer Programs:

Camp T is sold out, but there are plenty of amazing enrichment programs still open through out the summer. Everything from Art in the woods, STEM programs, Learning to Cook, and a multitude of Sports Camps. Check out our [Registration Site](#) to see the other phenomenal offerings we have this summer.

3. Long Lake Beach Opening:

Starting in June 15th, 2024 the beach at Long Lake will be open 7 days a week until the end of August. You can purchase season memberships or day passes at the Aquatics Directors office next to the snack shack the next time you visit. For more information on operation times, prices, or rentals please check our [website](#).

4. Grant for Inclusivity:

We're excited to share that in May 2024, we were awarded a grant from the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism to acquire a communication board for Castle in the Trees playground. This invaluable resource will benefit individuals with autism and other developmental delays by providing visual aids to support communication and social interaction. We believe this addition will foster inclusivity and create more accessible opportunities at 300 King Street.



Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement. Together, we continue to make Littleton a welcoming and inclusive community for all.

Alicia Day
 PRCE Director
[Town of Littleton Parks, Recreation & Community Education](#)

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Police Dept

May 2024

Calls	1814
911	245
Arrests	10
Incidents	108
Citations	77
Crashes	11



Officer R. Richard, part of the NEM-LEC Motor Unit, had the honor of participating in the Massachusetts Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run! Every year, Law Enforcement officers from all over the state travel to the Special Olympics Summer Games at Harvard University to cheer on athletes. This year, Ofc. Richard also took the time to present awards to all the amazing Olympians. Huge congratulations to all of them for their inspiring performances!

Littleton Officers are reviewing their annual in-house recertification training! Our officers have to update their skills in de-escalation techniques, taser use, and handcuffing procedures. This training ensures we continue to serve and protect our community with the highest standards of safety and professionalism.



The Littleton Police Department

proudly announces the successful completion of its latest Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) self-defense course designed for local women. The program, which ran over the past four weeks, provided participants with critical skills and knowledge to enhance their personal safety and confidence.

The R.A.D. system is a comprehensive self-defense program for women 13 years old and up that focuses on awareness, prevention, risk reduction, and hands-on defense training. Littleton Police Department's certified R.A.D. instructors led the sessions, emphasizing practical techniques that are effective and easy to learn, ensuring participants are prepared for various scenarios. The recent course was co-hosted by Littleton Parks and Rec and was attended by 12 women from diverse backgrounds, ranging from teenagers to senior citizens. Participants praised the course for its thorough curriculum, supportive environment, and the confidence it instilled in them.

The Littleton Police Department is committed to continuing the R.A.D. program and plans to offer additional sessions later this year to meet growing community demand. These efforts are part of the department's broader commitment to community safety and empowerment.

For those interested in future R.A.D. courses or seeking more information, please contact Officer Ilyas Abu via email at iabu@littletonpd.com or check out [Littleton Parks and Rec](#) for future classes.



Littleton Police proudly announces that Officer Abu has completed a Crisis Response and Behavioral Health graduate certificate program at William James College. This accomplishment marks a significant milestone in enhancing the capacity of our law enforcement personnel to address mental health, substance abuse issues, and crises within our community effectively.

The Crisis Response and Behavioral Health program at William James College provides a comprehensive curriculum. This nine-month-long training equips participants with the knowledge and skills needed to respond to mental health crises with empathy, compassion, cultural understanding, and professionalism. Through this program, Officer Abu has gained a wide range of skills in areas such as de-escalation techniques, mental health first aid, crisis intervention strategies, and the need for a Police co/response program.

As mental health concerns continue to be a critical issue within our society, having officers who are well-versed in behavioral health is paramount. Littleton Officer's goal is to ensure individuals experiencing mental health crises receive the appropriate care, compassion, and support they need. Congratulations to Officer Abu!



Fire Dept

All caregivers are eligible for free car seat safety classes. If you are a grandparent, aunt or uncle, or anyone traveling with a child under 13 you can schedule an appointment to learn more about car seats and traveling safely. Email carseats@littletonfire.org

To schedule a child car seat inspection or installation, contact the Littleton Fire Department's Child Passenger Safety Program at carseats@littletonfire.org



It is with great humility and excitement that I introduce myself as your new Fire Chief. As I step into this role, I am deeply aware of the trust and responsibility placed in our [Fire Department](#) by each of you. It is my honor to lead a team committed to serving our community with dedication, integrity and above all, compassion.

Service is our promise to you. Our firefighters are more than just emergency responders; they are neighbors, friends, and fellow community members. We are here to safeguard your well-being through fire prevention, emergency response, and community engagement. Our goal is to be proactive in our service, always ready to assist and protect, ensuring that our actions reflect the deep respect and compassion we hold for each individual in Littleton.

Together, we can continue to build a community where safety and care are at the forefront. I am eager to embark on this journey with you, fostering a spirit of mutual respect and kindness that will guide us in all our efforts.

Thank you for welcoming me back to Littleton. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you and work alongside you to ensure a safe and compassionate future for all.

*Respectfully,
Steele McCurdy, Fire Chief*

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](#)

Senior Tax Work Off Program

The Senior Tax Work-Off Program allows eligible seniors to work in various Town Departments and receive in exchange an abatement on their property taxes.

Work is paid at the minimum wage and the "wages" earned are applied to property taxes as an abatement. Participants who were active in the FY23 program will receive an email / direct mail of the re-enrollment form which needs to be completed to be eligible to participate again in FY24's program. The re-enrollment form will also be posted to our website:

www.littletonma.org/elder-and-human-services

If you are a brand new participant enrolling for the first time, you must come to the office to complete the paperwork packet and discuss placement options.

If you have any questions please contact Elder and Human Services at 978-5402470 and ask to speak with Liz. Space is limited, enroll now!

Veteran Services

Director of Veteran Services
John Boroski
jboroski@littletonma.org
978-540-2485

Mondays & Thursdays
9:00 am—Noon



[Watch the Memorial Day 2024 Parade](#)



There is a Veterans Tax Work-Off Program available. You do not need to be a senior to be part of the Veterans program. Call Littleton's Veteran's Agent, John Boroski, at 978-540-2485 for details. Or visit the Veterans Services web site at:

www.littletonma.org/veteran-services

DPW



Highway

- Spring street sweeping is nearing completion and roadside mowing and cutting back intersection sight lines are ongoing.
- Roadway signage inventory and improvements has begun and will continue through the summer.
- Staff continues to work with our consultant Tighe and Bond on a Stormwater Asset Management project that is analyzing our culverts and drainage system.
- 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 recon-

structed 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. **At this time there are only 2 bins left!** 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.

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—Fluorescent 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

Current Board Vacancies (Appointed by the Select Board)

[Click Here to Apply!](#)

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.

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

* **CLEAN LAKES COMMITTEE**

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

* **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

One (1) member - term expiring June 30, 2027
Two (2) associates - term expiring June 30, 2026

* **COUNCIL ON AGING**

Two (2) members - term expiring June 30, 2027

* **CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Two (2) members - term expiring June 30, 2027

* **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

One (1) member – No expiration date

* **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Two (2) members - term expiring June 30, 2027

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

One (1) member - 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

* **SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

One (1) member – terms expiring June 20, 2027

* **TAXATION AID COMMITTEE**

One (1) member - terms expiring June 30, 2027

* **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

One (1) member - No expiration date
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**

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

Littleton Affordable Housing Trust

Littleton's Affordable Housing Trust (AHT) was created in October of 2017 by a vote at Town Meeting to accept M.G.L. c. 44 §55C. The mission of the Affordable Housing Trust is to acquire, create, preserve, and support affordable housing for the benefit of low and moderate income households in the Town of Littleton.

In conjunction with the Department of Elder and Human Services, AHT approves applicants for Littleton's Rental Assistance Program (LRAP). LRAP, funded with CPC funds, provides a modest rental assistance to income-eligible households who are renting qualified housing units in the town of Littleton. The goal of the program is to provide greater housing stability and housing opportunities to cost-burdened renters in Littleton. Since the inception of the program, AHT has provided over \$60,000 in assistance. At a recent meeting, AHT voted to increase the amount of assistance to \$500 per month effective July 1st. Further information about the program is available at

[Littleton Rental Assistance Program](#).

Early in 2024, the Trust approved a five-year action plan with specific goals. Two of these goals have been the focus of our recent meetings. One is "moving forward on the development of two affordable units on land owned by the Trust on Tahattawan Road." An RFP (Request for Proposal) for the construction and sale of two units of affordable housing has been issued with proposals due back on June 6th. A complete description of this project and the RFP is available at Tahattawan Road Property Disposition. The other goal we are concentrating on is "moving forward on the Durkee farmhouse use." The Durkee farmhouse and 5 acres of land was deeded to the Trust by David Guthrie, the developer of the Durkee Estates. The Trust is consulting with various entities concerning the best use of this property.

As an item of interest, especially for "over 55" residents, the Trust would like to make note of the fact that a lottery will be held for two, one bedroom "deeply affordable" units at Hager Homestead. Information and applications can be found at the [Planning Board](#) webpage and at [SEB Housing](#) webpage.

Sustainability Committee

Now that spring pollen season is over, it's a great time to start air-drying your clothes outside. Air-drying your laundry is an easy, affordable, and low-stress action that can bring you one step closer to being carbon-free. Not only does it save energy, but it also reduces wear and tear on your



clothes, making them last longer. Heat and tumbling from dryers weaken fabric fibers, so air-drying is a win for both your wardrobe and the planet.

You can make a difference with just one load! To learn how to get started, visit the Energize Littleton site at <https://community.massenergize.org/LittletonMA/actions/3437>

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The Littleton Commissioners of Trust

Funds announced the scholarship awards for 2024 from the F.M Kimball- Second Scholarship Fund and the John & Eunice Morrison Scholarship Fund totaling \$60,000 to 16 recipients. A total of 49 applications were submitted for these scholarships.

This was the twenty-eighth year for awards from the Kimball Fund that was established by H. Vincent Couper in honor of his uncle Frank M. Kimball. Mr. Kimball had established the original fund that enabled Vincent to earn a degree from the Massachusetts Agricultural College – now known as the University of Massachusetts in Amherst in the 1920's.

Mr. Couper, known as "Vince" was a very successful Littleton farmer who raised a variety of crops here in Littleton as well as in Florida. In addition to this scholarship, he was very generous to the Reuben Hoar Library, the Children's Hospital in Boston, and the University of Massachusetts.

The F.M Kimball- Second Scholarship Fund is for the benefit of citizens of Littleton who have resided in Littleton for a minimum of two years, have graduated from a high school and have the desire or need to go on to advanced studies. It is intended to include those who have been working for some time as well as those who are recent or soon to be high school graduates.

This is the eleventh year of awards from the Morrison Fund. John and Eunice Morrison are probably best known as the former owners of the last apple orchard in Littleton. John Morrison was a conservationist who ensured that the orchard, located at Nagog Hill and Nashoba Roads remain as agricultural land. He was a very successful businessman before "retiring" to Littleton.

The John C. and Eunice B. Morrison Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund seeks to establish a college and vocational institutional scholarship program for residents of Town of Littleton who are graduates of Littleton High School, Nashoba Valley Technical School, or other secondary schools of the Town of Littleton who wish to continue their education at a college, university, or vocational training of their choosing.

The recipients of awards this year were selected by the awards committee appointed by the Commissioners and were recognized by the Commissioners at an awards ceremony held on June 12th in the Sturtz Room at the Reuben Hoar Library.



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Update from Nagog Hill Orchard Ad Hoc Working Group

- The OWG (orchard working group) brought forth an article at Town Meeting on 5/24 to seek permission from the townspeople to declare the orchard as surplus so the SB (Select Board) could begin the process to sell the agricultural property.
- The “orchard” consists of roughly 124 acres, and approximately 48+ of those acres are under APR (Agricultural Preservation Restriction) protection which means they have to remain in permanent commercial agriculture, which does not include the house or the upper large barn.
- The vote did not pass, by a narrow margin.

SO NOW WHAT?

The only legal option we have at this time is to put out an RFP (Request for Proposal) for a LEASE. The town must continue to cover any basic maintenance and repair to the property until there is an agreement for lease. These costs include:

- * Mowing of the property, currently done by Littleton Highway Dept at overtime rates
- * Basic repairs to barn, house, and outbuildings at prevailing wage
- * Removal and disposal of trees (bids for the work are forthcoming) and will be paid out of the Town’s Revolving Fund
- * Oversight of the orchard remains the responsibility of the Select Board
- * Due to the delay in action, the 2024 growing season was lost and there is a likelihood the 2025 growing season may be negatively impacted.

THE BIGGEST COST OF THE DELAY IN ACTION IS TIME. WHY?

- * Continued deterioration of the buildings and land: invasives have taken over the trees, mold and weather have accelerated the problems and lowered the value and attractiveness of a farmer wanting to take on the enormity of the property.
- * The fiscal reality is that town cannot afford to continue in its current direction. Until the town has a farm lease applicant, the town cannot calculate what it will likely cost to lease the orchard. Variables include irrigation, equipment, housing, labor, logistics, operational needs and climate irregularity
- * The town does not have the appetite or the knowledge to go into business partnership with a farmer which is what is required to lease to a new tenant versus selling.

NEXT STEPS INCLUDE:

- * Creation and distribution of a bid for proposal for the removal of the trees for the entire property which can later be scaled down to suit the budget or potential farmer
- * Scheduling the actual work on the buildings to keep them structurally safe, inclusive of potential mold removal
- * Scheduling at least two public outreach meetings presented by Massachusetts Area Planning Council (MAPC) with the intent of education and public input to be utilized in the next RFP. Dates will be announced when available.
- * Creation of new RFP
- * The selectboard currently has the authority to enter into up to a 30 year lease.
- * If there is strong public sentiment to sell the orchard, then Town Meeting voters will once again determine the outcome.

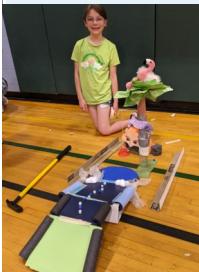
School Committee

Happy summer from the Littleton School Committee! We have lots to share from our schools as the 2023-2024 school year has come to a close.



The Drama Club from the Littleton Middle School completed a record-breaking run of the play *Lucky Hudson and the 12th Street Gang* on May 17-19. The play features a comic underworld of zany gangsters, night clubs, and back alleys and is full of oddball characters. All three performances brought the house down. The next show from the LMS Drama Club will be *Newsies JR*, January 24-26, 2025. Mark your calendars!

Littleton Public Schools has received national recognition for improving the nutritional quality and cultural innovation of its school meals. Food Services Director Leah Botko received the Innovation in the Cultural Diversity of School Meals Award from the USDA. The award spotlights innovative practices and student engagement activities for providing students with healthy food choices. One strategy at the elementary level is that students are given a "I tried it!" sticker for sampling new items. As part of the award, Ms. Botko will travel to a national Healthy Meals Summit in Las Vegas. She will also present on a panel at the annual School Nutrition Association's conference in Boston. We are proud of our Food Services department and the national leadership they are showing in the area of culturally diverse, locally sourced, and nutritious school meals.



This spring, over 1,000 students across our Littleton Schools participated in a hands-on, minds-on STEM Challenge facilitated by K-5 STEM Integration Specialist Heidi MacGregor. Critical thinking, Creativity, Communication and Collaboration were front and center while our K-12 students designed a green for the Can Do Golf course. The challenge included a story to provide context while students used the Engineering Design Process to guide their work at school. The project promoted student agency and developed confidence with creative problem solving. Student mentors from Littleton High School created model projects and provided feedback for elementary and middle schoolers.

Students at the Shaker Lane School have been taking advantage of the beautiful weather to learn in the outdoor classroom. They also had a blast at field day coordinated by physical education teacher Mark Bentley. Mr. Bentley would like to thank all the adult volunteers who helped run each station and traveled with each class around the circuit. A successful field day is all about collaboration and planning, and we would like to congratulate Mr. Bentley on a successful first event!



On May 21 Littleton High School students participated in the second annual Financial Literacy Fair. The event was designed to help students learn how to budget, manage, and spend their money responsibly. They were asked to provide their choice of career in preparation for the event. On the day of the fair, students received a folio with a career profile, a mock paycheck, an assigned credit score (reflective of their attendance), and a budget worksheet. They visited 13 stations where they had to make typical financial decisions they may face as a young adult. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to practice important financial skills in preparation for their adult lives.

June is a time of transitions, and we have some notable ones this year. In addition to the second graders getting "clapped off" to a new school and fifth graders graduating from elementary school, we have a special retirement to celebrate. The School Committee bids a fond farewell to Russell Street School Principal Cheryl Temple and thanks her for her dedication and service to the district in multiple capacities. We wish her all the best in retirement.



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Conservation

Invasive species education and management efforts with volunteers continued at Browns' Woods on June 15. If you're interested in learning more or helping out, please contact Amy or Tim at conservation@littletonma.org

June 1 was National Trails Day. Check out some descriptions of easy trails at <https://www.littletonma.org/1020/Littletons-Natural-Resources-and-Trails>

July 7-23 is National Pollinator Week. New England has over 350 species of pollinating bees and other pollinators so think about planting some native flowers for them!



Keep an eye out for turtles crossing the road and give them a hand when you safely can. Females in particular have been looking for nesting sites in uplands, and the hatchlings will be appearing late summer/early fall.

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



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July 2024 Calendar of Meetings & Events

Check website for updates, additions & cancellations

www.littletonma.org/calendar

or scan barcode for live calendar



July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Nagog Hill Orchard Ad Hoc Working Group Meeting	4 Town Hall Closed - Holiday 	5 Town Hall Closed - Holiday	
7 Littleton Senior Follies on the Big Screen	8 Council on Aging Board Meeting Park and Recreation Commission Meeting	9 Conservation Commission Meeting	10 Board of Health Meeting Historical Commission Meeting	11 Planning Board Meeting Sustainability Committee Meeting	12 Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member	
14	15	16 Affordable Housing Trust Meeting July 16th 6:30pm Zoom	17 Nagog Hill Orchard Ad Hoc Working Group Meeting Shaker Lane Building Committee Meeting	18 Third Thursday	19 Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member - Matthew Nordhaus	
21 The Appleman Triathlon	22	23 Conservation Commission Meeting	24 Board of Health Meeting	25	26 Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member - Mark Rambacher	

Spring Fling Dinner & Dancing







THE APPLEMAN TRIATHLON IS CELEBRATING ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY ON SUNDAY, JULY 21

PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT THIS MOMENTOUS EVENT!

Yes, the Rotary Club of Littleton's Appleman Triathlon turns 20 this year! The Appleman will take place on Sunday, July 21, from 8:00 am to noon, starting and ending at Long Lake Beach in Littleton. This is our Rotary Club's largest fundraiser. 100% of the net proceeds are used to support community, national and international charitable projects. This year's Appleman is dedicated to all of our wonderful volunteers: this event couldn't happen without you.

About 500 participants are expected to show up this year. This event puts Littleton on the map and celebrates the accomplishments of hundreds of athletes who have competed over the past 20 years.

We need volunteers – lots of them! – for the days leading up to and the day of the Triathlon:

BEFORE THE WEEKEND: On Wednesday, July 17, we need 2 or 3 cars (with a driver and a passenger) to put flyers into the newspaper boxes or onto (not in) the mailboxes of the houses along the race route, to alert homeowners about road closures and possible delays. We will provide maps for the drivers as well as flyers and masking tape.

PREPARING FOR SET-UP: Mid-afternoon on Saturday, July 20, lots of strong volunteers are needed to move the fencing, signs, tents etc. from the barn on Wilderness Road to the beach at Long Lake. A truck will transport everything to the beach, where it has to be unloaded.

SET-UP: At 5 on Saturday the fencing and tents have to be put up, and the beach area marked off for the starters and finishers in the swim part of the race.

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION: On late Saturday afternoon and early on Sunday morning (6 am!) volunteers are needed to help register the participants and hand out their race numbers, t-shirts, and more.

TRAFFIC: Starting at 6 am on Sunday, volunteers are needed to help direct traffic and tell people where they can and cannot park.

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION: Starting at 6 am on Sunday, people are needed by the VOLUNTEERS area to sign volunteers in and hand out their t-shirts and assignments, pass out water and coffee, and help direct people who are not familiar with the layout of the beach area.

LEG MARKING: Prior to the start of the race, all participants need to have their legs marked with their Appleman registration number.

THE SWIM: Lifeguards and volunteers in boats monitor the swim course, and several "Swim Angels" will help any swimmer who encounters a problem in the water. (If you are a trained lifeguard or an excellent swimmer, please email susieglines@gmail.com –this email is to be used for Swim Angel volunteers only!).

THE BIKE AND RUN ROUTES: When the swim starts volunteers should move into position along the bike and run routes to make sure the participants follow the signs and are safe.

WATER STOP: A table is set up along the route with water to hand out to the athletes. After the last runner has passed trash has to be picked up and the table and extra water brought back to the beach.

THE FINISH LINE: Participants receive gifts and beverages. We need several people there.

AFTER THE RACE: Several groups of people are needed to take down the tents, tables, leftovers, and signs, remove the fencing and traffic cones, and clean up all off the trash from the beach area **by noon** on Sunday. Everything that belongs back in the storage barn has to be packed up and put on the truck, then moved from the truck to the proper area in the barn.

CAN YOU HELP? Please go to Applemantriathlon.com and click on the "more" button to reach our SignUp Genius page. Tell us your choice of job (if you have one), and what size T-shirt you need. Don't forget to list your cell phone number and e-mail address too, so we can reach you if we need to. (This website can also be used to register to participate in the Triathlon.)

If you have any questions, please contact Roger Hartley, President of our Club, at rhartley48@gmail.com.

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- What can cause dry skin after being in a swimming pool? *A towel*
- When is a pool safe for diving? *It deep ends.*
- Why don't seashells take baths? *Because they wash up on the beach.*
- What did the ocean say to the beach? *Nothing. It just waved.*
- What did the tree say when summer finally arrived? *What a re-leaf.*
- Why did the whale blush? *It saw the ocean's bottom.*
- What kind of witch goes to the beach? *A sand witch.*
- What did the beach say to the tide when it came it? *Long time, no sea.*
- What fish costs the most? *A goldfish*
- What does the sun drink out of? *Sunglasses*

