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"Big dreams start in small towns"

Message From Your Select Board



We are delighted to share with you the latest news and updates with a recap of some of the key events and decisions made by the Select Board in the past month:



Topping Off Ceremony at Center on Shattuck Street:

The highlight of last month was the "topping off" ceremony for the Center on Shattuck Street, also known as the new senior center. On June 27, the final structural beam was placed, marking a significant milestone in the construction process. This event brings us closer to the completion of this essential community hub.

Select Board Updates:

- Approval was granted for Scout Mattias La-Croix's Eagle Scout project to install a self-serve little food pantry outside Elder Human Services. This initiative will provide much-needed support to those in need within our community.
- We celebrated the achievement of the Trilogy Award by the Littleton Police Department—recognizing their leadership training excellence and placing

them among a highly select group in Massachusetts and the nation.

- Revised Host Community Agreements were approved for Community Care Collective, MRM Industries, LLC, G7 Labs, and Sanctuary Medicinals, aligning with updated state requirements and the Model HCA recently released by the Cannabis Control Commission.
- New member appointments were made to key committees like the Sustainability Committee, Conservation Commission, Council on Aging, and more. We extend our gratitude to those who have volunteered their time, and we encourage others to explore opportunities to contribute to our town's progress. Your participation and feedback are vital in shaping Littleton's future. Together, we can continue to build a thriving community for all. An updated list of vacancies can be found at <https://littletonmaboard.vt-s.net/vt.php>.

Nagog Hill Orchard Discussions:

The Select Board met on July 8 to continue discussion on the

future of the orchard. A primary focus is fact-gathering. The removal of the trees and stumps on the 48-acre property will cost ~\$10,000/acre. Tree removal is considered necessary because the trees are spreading disease and their presence makes it more difficult to find a new caretaker. Additionally, the SB received a professional estimate on the market value of the farmhouse and its unrestricted lot, estimated at \$500,000-\$600,000. The SB decided to move forward with another attempt to lease the orchard as-is while we work on long-term solutions. Plans include addressing tree removal and exploring the property's market value. Public forums hosted by a facilitator will be scheduled to gather community input on the orchard's future. Stay tuned for details on these important discussions.

Drop-in hours:

Drop-in hours with an SB member continue most Fridays 1-3pm at the Library.

Please check the town calendar to confirm. We hope to see you there!

From the Town Administrator's Desk



Well, it's August 1st and before we know it, Labor Day will be upon us. The daylight hours get shorter, the temperature steadily drops, the leaves will start to turn, the lawn furniture and equipment will be hibernating, and then...the dreaded shovels are in position and the snowblower is tuned-up and ready to go. UGH!

HOWEVER, the summer isn't over yet, and Littleton is still bustling with youth sports, the summer camp through the Parks Recreation & Community Education Department, the beach is open, and the Littleton Rotary's 20th Annual Appleman (Appleperson) Triathlon that took place on June 21st.

I was very happy to volunteer for the triathlon and it was an all-around phenomenal day.

There were approximately 400 dedicated and passionate athletes that participated in perfect weather. I thought it was so great how people could compete not only individually, but also in relay teams; someone could swim, someone could run, and someone could bike. Which would you do? I'd be best suited for the bike. Anyone want to organize something for next year's triathlon?

What was also as impressive was the amazingly organized abundant number of very willing, able and happy volunteers. Everyone worked in unison leading up to the big day, during the event and immediately after so the beach will be open for all to enjoy. Extraordinary collaboration. The critical message of the day for the volunteers from one of the tireless race organizers, Cheryl Cowley, was for all volunteers to beam with pride! Mission accomplished. EVERY answer I received from participants when I asked whether they'd compete in the Littleton Appleman again, was a resounding ABSOLUTELY!

Well done, Littleton!

Town Clerk's Corner



I would like to take this time and welcome Andrew Sammarco as the new Assistant Town Clerk. Andrew is no stranger to many of you as he is a Littleton resident and member of many local boards. Andrew comes to the Littleton Clerk's office after holding the identical position for two years at the Harvard Town Clerk's Office. If you have a minute stop by and say hello. If not, you will undoubtedly see him at one of the upcoming elections or Special Town Meeting.



Speaking of Elections don't forget that in-person voting for the State Primary starts Saturday, August 24th from 8am until 5pm in the Multi Purpose Room in Littleton Town Hall, 37 Shattuck St. As well, this is the last day to register to vote for the Primary. Any questions please feel free to reach out to the Clerk's Office at 978-540-2401.

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](#)

[Elder & Human Services/COA Program Coordinator](#)

[Office Coordinator—Land Use](#)

[Sealer of Weights and Measures—NMGOC](#)

[Firefighter/Paramedic](#)

[Communications Officer—Full Time](#)

[Communications Officer—Part Time](#)

[Equipment Operator DPW-Parks](#)

[Highway Mechanic](#)

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Health Department

Free Radon Test Kits:

Radon is a radioactive gas that comes naturally from soil and rocks. You can't see, taste, or smell radon. Radon can build up inside your house and cause lung cancer if you breathe it in over many years. Any home can have a radon problem, no matter the foundation type. Testing your home is the only way to know if radon is a problem.

Free test kits can be ordered by contacting the BCEH Indoor Air Quality Program: (800) 723-6695 (Toll-free in MA) or (413) 586-7525 or DPHIAQ.radon@mass.gov

Extreme Heat Recommendations for Community Members This Summer Season:

As we enter the summer season, extreme heat is a significant and often underestimated danger, responsible for over a thousand deaths annually in the United States, according to the CDC. Click here

<https://littletonma.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=343> for recommendations from the Littleton Department of Health to help protect yourself and others during periods of high heat and humidity. If you would like more information or have questions about extreme heat, please contact the [Department of Health](#) at 978-540-2430 or by email at fdagle@littletonma.org.

Mosquitoes tested positive for West Nile virus (WNV) and Eastern

Equine Encephalitis (EEE):

Mosquitoes carrying Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV) have been detected in Massachusetts. These viruses can cause serious illness, so it's crucial to take preventive measures. Please use insect repellent, wear long sleeves and pants, and avoid being outdoors during peak mosquito activity times at dawn and dusk. Additionally, eliminate standing water around your home to reduce mosquito breeding grounds. To learn more click here. <https://littletonma.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=342>.

Library

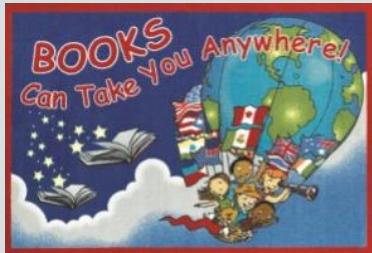


Click [HERE](#) to sign up for the Library Newsletter

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August Events at the Reuben Hoar Library!



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. Summer Reading ends August 17th!

Adult Programming



Adult Board Game Night:
Thursday, August 22nd at
6:00 pm

Book Clubs & Writing Clubs:

Monday Morning Writing Club – Mondays at 6:00am

Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club – Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30pm

Cook Book Book Club – Saturday, August 31st at 11:00 am

In the Gallery:

Sandy Tosi – July 30th – August 29th

Teen Room

Thursday, August 1st, 15th, and 29th - Dungeons and Dragons Club, 6-7:30pm



Teen & YA Miniature Painting Workshop – Saturday, August 3rd at 1:00 pm

Teen Video Game Tournament – Tuesday, August 6th at 6:00 pm

Teen & YA Board Game Night – Thursday, August 8th and 22nd at 6:00 pm

Teen Ice Cream Social – Saturday, August 17th at 1:00 pm



Hands on Nature Workshop – Thursday, August 1st at 3:30 pm

Toddler Storytime – Friday, August 2nd at 10:30am



Magician Scott Martell – Tuesday, August 6th at 7:00 pm

Paint a Space Scene with Julie – Wednesday, August 7th at 2:00pm

Wildlife Encounters Presents: Junior Zookeeper Encounter – Thursday, August 8th at 2:00 pm



Treasurer/Tax Collector

Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bills Information Sheet

Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30

Quarter 1
Due: Aug 1
"Preliminary" Bill

Quarter 2
Due: Nov 1
"Preliminary" Bill

Quarter 3
Due: Feb 1
"Actual" Bill

Quarter 4
Due: May 1
"Actual" Bill

Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
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⇒ **When are the bills mailed to you? Four times a year.**

- ⇒ Qtr 1 mailed by June 30 (**due 8-1**) Interest starts being charged 8-2
- ⇒ Qtr 2 mailed by September 30 (**due 11-1**) Interest starts being charged 11-2
- ⇒ Qtr 3 mailed by December 31 (**due Feb 1**) Interest starts being charged 2-2
- ⇒ Qtr 4 mailed by March 31 (**due May 1**) Interest starts being charged 5-2
- ⇒ Per Mass General Law, bills are mailed to every homeowner in Littleton even if you escrow your taxes. Please contact us if you have **NOT** received a bill.
- ⇒ Please open the bills even if you escrow, as mortgage companies do make mistakes and can miss a payment. It is your responsibility to notify them if that happens. Especially if you switch mortgage companies

Excise Tax Bills

Calendar Year Jan 1 – Dec 31

The [Registry of Motor Vehicles](#) (RMV) identifies which municipality will collect the Excise Tax based on where the vehicle is garaged, as determined by the registration of your license plate. Only the person registered to that license plate can change the address of the registration with the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

⇒ **When are the bills mailed to you?** Motor Vehicle Excise Bills are released by March 1st, and apply to the full calendar year (Jan thru Dec). **It is your responsibility to notify us if you have not received a bill in the first week of March.**

- ⇒ Please pay your bills by the due date on the bill. RMV will mail demand bills with interest and fees if not paid on time!
- ⇒ Please contact the [assessor's office](#) at 978-540-2410 for any of the below circumstances. The RMV DOES NOT relay to us these circumstances. There is paperwork that needs to be provided and [abatement forms](#) to be filled out by you the owner of the vehicle.
- ⇒ If you buy a vehicle and register new plates during the year, you will receive an Excise Bill for the portion of the year which runs from the date of registration thru Dec 31. Keep an eye out for that bill. It is mailed at different times throughout the year. After that initial bill, future bills will be on the annual (12- month) billing cycle (mailed in March of every year).
- ⇒ If you transfer your plate from one vehicle to another vehicle, you will receive an Excise Bill for the new vehicle AND you should apply for an [abatement](#) on the first vehicle's Excise Tax.
- ⇒ If you trade in, sell, donate, or totaled your vehicle the **RMV DOES NOT** notify us when this takes place. You will continue to receive past -due bills if this is not done. These past- due bills will have additional fees and interest.
- ⇒ If you move out of state, please cancel your plate with the RMV ASAP, then contact the Assessor's Office. The Town of Littleton is **NOT** notified by the MA RMV nor the new state where you are moving to that you have registered the vehicle elsewhere. You will continue to receive a bill if this is not done. RMV will start charging fees and interest.
- ⇒ If you moved to another city or town in MA please pay the Town of Littleton. As long as you have changed your address with the RMV, in the following year you will be billed by that town.

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 Community Members,

We hope you're enjoying the summer season as much as we are! We have some fantastic updates and upcoming events to share with you. Here's what's been happening around town and what's on the horizon:

New Dual EV Charger Installed at 300 King Street

We are thrilled to announce the installation of a brand-new Dual EV Charger at 300 King Street (Castle in the Trees). This new addition is part of our ongoing efforts to support sustainability and provide convenient options for electric vehicle owners in our community. Whether you're visiting the Castle or just passing through, we hope you take advantage of this eco-friendly resource!

Roof Repairs at Long Lake Bathhouse Completed

Great news for Long Lake Beach enthusiasts! The roof at the Long Lake Bathhouse has been successfully repaired. We appreciate your patience during this short maintenance period and are excited for you to enjoy the refreshed facilities as the summer continues.

Summer Adult Recess Kicks Off with Bubble Soccer

Our Summer Adult Recess program had a fantastic start on July 10th with the exhilarating game of Bubble Soccer at Fay Park. If you missed out, don't worry—there are five more exciting sessions planned throughout the summer where you can drop in and join the fun! Here's what's coming up:

- July 17th, 2024: Canoeing/Kayaking
- July 24th, 2024: Beach Volleyball
- July 31st, 2024: Disc Golf
- August 7th, 2024: Miniature Golf
- August 14th, 2024: Slip N Slide Kickball

Each session is designed for adults to unwind and enjoy some friendly competition. Drop-in are \$20 per session and run from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and finish up with some adult socialization time at a local restaurant. We hope to see you there!

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3rd Thursday Community Market at Fay Park

Mark your calendars for the 3rd Thursday Community Market at Fay Park! This special event takes place from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, and it's a perfect way to spend your summer evenings. Enjoy delicious food from a featured food truck, groove to some live music, and explore a variety of local vendors.

Don't miss the upcoming dates:

-July 18th, 2024

-August 15th, 2024

We're excited to bring you this vibrant community gathering, and we hope you join us for a fun and relaxing evening!

Camp Tahattawan is Sold Out, But Plenty of Summer Fun Awaits!

Camp Tahattawan has reached full capacity for the summer, but don't worry if you missed out on that opportunity. We still have a variety of programs available, including Fishing, Sailing, and numerous options for Enrichment and Sports Programs. There's something for everyone to enjoy, so be sure to check out the remaining spots and sign up soon!

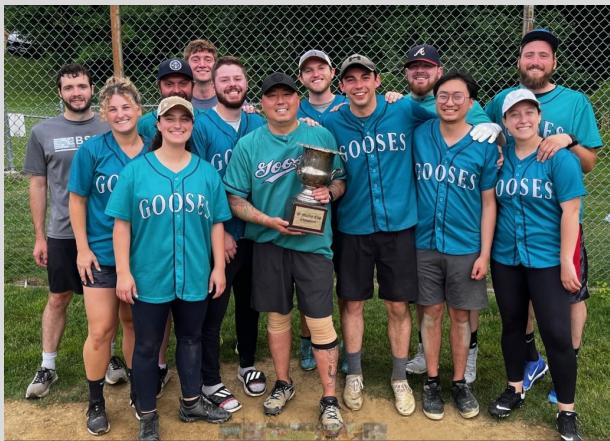
We're excited about all the summer activities and improvements happening in our community. Keep an eye on our updates for more news and events!

Warm regards,

Alicia Day
PRCE Director
Town of Littleton Parks, Recreation & Community Education

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Parks, Recreation & Community Education



[Click Here To See The Hilarious Video](#)

Elder & Humans Services

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

Click [HERE](#) to view the EHS Monthly Broadcaster



In case you missed it.....

[Center at Shattuck Street Topping Off Ceremony Video](#)

We gathered together once again to celebrate another significant milestone reached in the construction of the Center on Shattuck Street, future Home to Elder and Human Services, Council on Aging, and Veterans Services- The Topping Off Ceremony. Last time we gathered together, we celebrated the groundbreaking together.

And just a few short weeks later, we gathered again for the Topping Off Ceremony which marks a pivotal moment in our journey—a moment where we can actually see the framework of our vision taking shape and becoming a reality.

What is a “Topping Off Ceremony?” It is the last steel beam placed is a major milestone in the evolution of a building project. The beam is adorned with a small evergreen tree and an American flag on opposite ends of the beam. It uniquely honors the accomplishments of the construction crew. The tree is the key symbol. In the steel trade, it signifies construction has reached the sky without loss of life or injury and it bodes well for the future inhabitants of the building.

This final beam being placed is a testament to the hard work and collaboration of so many individuals. I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to everyone involved in this project. To our Vertex project managers, Commodore Builders, our architects at LLB, our contractors, sub-contractors, and construction teams—your expertise and perseverance have been instrumental in reaching this milestone. I have received feedback that this has been the tidiest construction sites people have ever seen. A huge testament to the pride you take in your craft.

To our Select Board, our Legislators, PMBC, COA and Friends Boards, and community supporters—your decades of vision and unwavering support have been the foundation upon which this project was built. To our neighbors and community members—your patience, suggestions, feedback, and encouragement have been invaluable throughout this process. To Town Hall staff, thank you for bearing with us- I know construction is not quiet, and parking spots are at a premium.

As we look forward to the completion of the Center on Shattuck Street, let us also take a moment to reflect on the journey we have undertaken together, and remember those who have been instrumental to us being here, but are no longer with us. A reminder that this project represents decades of our collective effort, our shared visions, and our commitment to creating an age friendly and inclusive Littleton. The steel framework here will house lifelong learning, creativity, and connection. The open beams you see are symbolic to us in the way that the work we do within this building will extend to the entire community; our work does not stop at the four walls of a building.

Together, we have reached this incredible milestone, and together, we will see this project through to its successful completion. Here's to the future of the Center on Shattuck Street, and to the many possibilities it will bring to our community.

Elder & Humans Services



Naming of the building

After careful consideration, the Council on Aging Board voted to recommend the name "The Center on Shattuck Street: Home of Elder and Human Services, Council on Aging, and Veterans Services" for the new senior center building. On June 24th, the Select Board voted to accept the name "The Center on Shattuck Street" officially in accordance with Select Board Regulations and Policies' 'Policy on Naming Town Facilities'. We believe the name "The Center on Shattuck Street" is versatile and inclusive of all the services housed inside of the building: the senior center, the Elder and Human Services Department, and the Veterans Services Agent. For more information visit the building project website: <https://www.littletoncenteronshattuck.com/>

Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled (T.R.E.A.D.)

Are you a Littleton senior resident or disabled resident who needs assistance with their property taxes? Massachusetts State Law Chapter 60, Section 3D, allows a fund to be created to collect donations and disburse them to low-income elderly property owners and qualifying disabled owners. Here in Littleton, we call it the T.R.E.A.D. program. The application period is open now through September 30th, 2024.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Must own and occupy the property
- Must be 65 or older or have a state-recognized disability
- Must file an application disclosing exemptions and household income and expenses for all household members age 18 or older

Applications can be obtained from the Department of Elder and Human Services, 33 Shattuck Street, Littleton, or by coming to our office in Town Hall, Room 231. If you need assistance filling out an application please call Amy or Alicia at 978-540-2470.

**Coupons for MART Connects are available for those who need financial assistance. Contact Amy at 978-540-2470.

An advertisement for MART Connects. The top left features the MART Connects logo with a blue oval background and the word "MART" in red. To the right, the text "Taxi/Livery vehicle shared rides to get you where you need to go." is displayed. The background is a blue-toned photograph of a town street with buildings and trees. On the left, the word "Where:" is followed by the text "Rides up to 20 miles to and from your pickup location in the Towns of Bolton, Lancaster, Littleton, Lunenburg, Sterling, and Stow." Below this, "When:" is followed by "5:30 AM - 10:00 PM, Daily". In the bottom left corner, the text "Book Rides:" is next to the "MART TRANSIT AUTHORITY" logo. In the bottom center, a callout box contains the text "Call Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM" and the phone number "1-800-922-5636 Option 4". To the right, a note states "Individuals 12 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult." In the bottom right corner, a "Cost Chart (One Way)" is shown with the following rates:

1-10 miles - \$3
11-15 miles - \$4
16-20 miles - \$5

Elder & Humans Services



The “Beat Generation” A Cultural Review of the 1950s Through Music with Fran Hart

August 7th at 1PM in the MPR

Fran Hart, founding member of the Beatles tribute band 4EverFab, brings you *The “Beat Generation”* a multimedia presentation that highlights the cultural nuances of the 1950s. This presentation features live acoustic music and audience sing-alongs, coupled with audio and video clips highlighting the best (and sometimes the worst) of the 1950s. The decade of the 1950s conjures up images of the Korean War, the beginnings of the Cold War, the Civil Rights movement, the Hula-Hoop, and Elvis, to name just a few. The music reflected the times and we pay tribute in this presentation to many of the greats: Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, Jerry Lee Lewis, Ray Charles, Little Richard, James Brown, Fats Domino, Pat Boone, and others.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the Littleton Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Annual Summer BBQ Hosted by Senator Jamie Eldridge and State Representative James Arciero

Wednesday, August 14th at 12 noon in the Town Hall Senior Dining

Join us for the Annual Summer BBQ on Wednesday August 14th at 12 noon in the Town Hall—Senior Dining. We look forward to this event every year where our legislators grill for us! Come have a hot dog, hamburger, sides, and cake and gather with friends!

Please call to register 978-540-2470

Aging in Place Program

Wednesday August 21st at 2pm, RH Library- Sturtz Room

Come join us in the Sturtz room of the Reuben Hoar Library on Wednesday August 21 at 2PM for a discussion on the economics of housing for seniors. We will be discussing topics such as aging in place, downsizing, and renting. We will include the financial thresholds for Affordable Housing qualifications too. And, we will be discussing various options and how to make the most out of your home equity.

Dave Carpenter of Perennial Advisors Group and Kym Albertelli of Find Your Village Team, Realtors of KW Realty Boston Northwest, Concord will be talking about the economics and realities for housing for seniors in Littleton. To help us better understand your needs, please register to attend and answer a few questions at: <https://tinyurl.com/Littleton-Housing>

Questions will help focus the information we provide, such as *Are you considering moving to a smaller place or townhouse and wondering how to pay for it?*

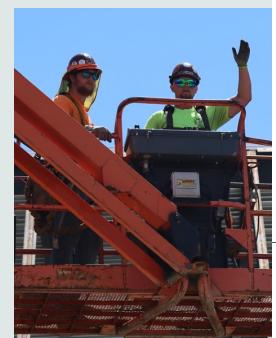
The Funniest Moments in Film, Presented by Marty Gitlin

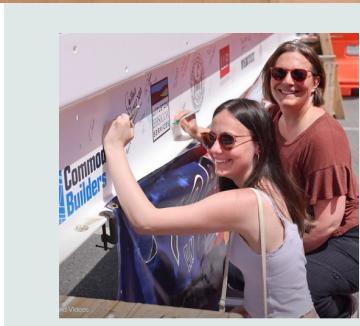
August 28th at 1:00pm in the RH Library—Sturtz Room

Join award-winning author and pop culture historian Marty Gitlin for The Funniest Moments in Film - the biggest belly-laughs in movie history. This interactive presentation highlights the best of the best from the silent era to the modern era. Marty will show videos of the best laugh-out-loud scenes from the 1920s to today, including snippets of such stars as Harold Lloyd, Groucho Marx, Woody Allen, Peter Sellers, Gene Wilder, Leslie Nielsen, John Candy and Robin Williams. You will be entertained by the funniest moments in such comedies as *It Happened One Night*, *A Night at the Opera*, *The Producers*, *The Pink Panther Strikes Again*, *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, *Naked Gun*, *Mrs. Doubtfire*, *Planes, Trains and Automobiles* and *The Birdcage*. He will discuss why they are considered the funniest ever and impact they made on pop culture. The presentation will include plenty



Beam Signing and Topping Off Ceremony for the new Center on Shattuck







Police Dept

June 2024

Calls	1531
911	190
Arrests	3
Incidents	64
Citations	49
Crashes	19



An Officer fulfilled a promise to a young man. At a recent event, an officer was approached by a young man named Cedric who kindly asked if he could have the officer's hat. Although the officer couldn't give his hat away, he did give Cedric a police patch and promised to send him a hat because he was a cool little guy. Several weeks later, Cedric was thrilled to receive a police hat and a handwritten card in the mail. Moments like these remind us of the positive impact our officers have in the community.

[#LittletonPD #Kindness-Matters #FutureCop](#)



Congratulations to Lt. Landry and Sgt. Scola for completing their Master Leadership training and emerging as Significant Leaders in the Leaders Helping Leaders Network!



Keep leading the way!

Congratulations to all graduates!

Please join us in welcoming Pat Hawthorne to our Communications Department as the newest full-time dispatcher. Pat comes to us from Acton Public Safety and has almost 20 years experience in his communications role. Pat is from Littleton with his wife, Jody and two children, Olivia and Connor. We look forward to having him with our team!





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.

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 is honored to welcome our two newest members: Kyle Tobin and Patrick Favreau!

Kyle comes to us from Acton and Patrick is from Lunenburg. In these photos, they are shown participating along with members of B-shift during a recent Ladder Training.

We wish for both Kyle and Patrick to have a long and successful career here at the Littleton Fire Department.



LCTV held a basic video workshop in July. Eight people were trained in camera work techniques and editing.

LCTV is always willing to train residents in video production.

If you are interested in learning more about LCTV, and what we do,

contact us at 978-540-2488 to arrange a tour of our studio.

Currently, Littleton Scout member, Thomas Glorioso, is working with LCTV on building a new Podcast set at our studio.

This is Thomas' Eagle Scout project. Construction should be completed by the end of August.



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Community Bulletin Board

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DPW



Report an Issue

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

Join us in protecting the environment for your furry friends and future generations!

Did you know that dog waste can pollute our waterways and harm aquatic life?

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that two or three days' worth of droppings from a population of about 100 dogs would contribute enough bacteria to temporarily close a waterbody.

As a responsible dog owner, you can make a difference by:

Carrying a bag to pick up waste

Disposing in a trash bin

Never putting waste in a storm drain!

Together, let's keep Littleton clean and healthy for everyone to enjoy.



DOGS CANNOT FLUSH!

PLEASE SCOOP THE POOP!



#OnlyRainDownTheDrain



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

Transfer Station Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Noon to 7:00 pm

Saturday 8:00 am—5:00 pm

August 2024 Calendar of Meetings & Events

Check website for updates, additions & cancellations

www.littletonma.org/calendar

or scan barcode for live calendar



August 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p>1 Board of Assessors</p> <p>Planning Board Meeting</p> <p>Planning Board Public Hearing</p> <p>Sustainability Committee Meeting</p>	2	3
4	5	6 Conservation Commission Meeting	7 The "Beat Generation"	8	9 Drop In Meeting with a Select Board	10 Wandering 4-H Cloverbuds
11	12 Council on Aging Board Meeting Select Board Meeting August 12th 6:30pm Library Sturtz Room	13	<p>14 Board of Health Meeting</p> <p>Annual Summer BBQ w/ Sen. Eldridge & Rep Arciero for Littleton residents</p> <p>Historical Commission Meeting</p>	<p>15 Third Thursday Election Worker Training 10:15 through 12:30pm August 15th Room 103</p>	16 Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member	17
18	19 Cemetery Commission - August 19th, 2024 @ 6:30 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)	20 Affordable Housing Trust Meeting August 20th 6:30pm Zoom Conservation Commission Meeting	<p>21 Shaker Lane Building Committee Meeting</p> <p>Aging in Place</p> <p>Park Commission August Meeting</p>	22	23 Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member	24 In-Person Early Voting Voter Registration Deadline for the State Primary 5pm
25	26 Deadline for Vote by Mail Requests for the State Primary In-Person Early Voting	27 In-Person Early Voting	<p>28 Board of Health Meeting</p> <p>Nagog Hill Orchard Ad Hoc Working Group Meeting</p> <p>The Funniest Moments in Film</p>	29 In-Person Early Voting	30 Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member In-Person Early Voting	31

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**

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

* **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

* **NAGOG HILL ORCHARD AD HOC WORKING GROUP**

Two (2) members—terms expiring June 30, 2027

* **TAXATION AID COMMITTEE**

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

* **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

One (1) member - No expiration date

* **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

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

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Conservation Commission

Announcing Summer Harvest St. Prouty Woods Community Forest

We anticipate the harvest to take roughly two months, during which the property and trails will be closed to the public.

New England Forestry Foundation

(NEFF) will be conducting a sustainable, climate-smart timber harvest beginning this week at our Prouty Woods Community Forest, located behind NEFF headquarters in Littleton, MA. A licensed forester who has worked with NEFF for years has selected individual trees for harvesting, and is in the process of getting necessary equipment on the ground. NEFF will post updates about the harvest timeline to their blog post. NEFF staff members have already reached out to Littleton town officials, community members near Prouty and relevant organizations to provide advance notice of the harvest. If you have questions, please email info@newenglandforestry.org. NEFF staff members have already reached out to Littleton town officials, community members near Prouty and relevant organizations to provide advance notice of the harvest. If you have questions, please email info@newenglandforestry.org. Click [HERE](#) for additional information.



Friends of the Littleton COA

The showing of the Sr Follies at the High School on July 7th was a success.

As a fundraiser, we made a handsome amount for the new Senior Center while enjoying many laughs.

We look forward to the 2016 and 2018 shows at the High School on September 15th. This too is a fundraiser, and we hope to see many of you there.

Thank you to the many volunteers who made the day possible.
Barbara McRae

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Affordable Housing Trust

On June 25th the [Affordable Housing Trust](#) (AHT) met jointly with the [Community Preservation Committee](#) (CPC) to finalize a Grant Agreement. The agreement formalizes the process for CPC funding that is used by the AHT. Any such funding will be spent on a specific project. These funds will be utilized solely for CPA eligible activities specifically to create, acquire, preserve, and support community housing for the benefit of low and moderate income individuals and families in Littleton.

The AHT also held a regular meeting on June 25th to address two of the major components of the 5-Year Action Plan: the construction of affordable housing on Tahattawan Road, and potential uses of the Durkee Farm property on Foster St.

Habitat for Humanity was the only respondent to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the construction and sale of two units of affordable housing on the Tahattawan Road property . The AHT discussed that response and will pursue further information and negotiations.

The AHT voted to approve up to \$3300 for surveying the Durkee Property: a step needed to determine a septic site and conservation set backs. Surveying and marking the property lines was completed on July 2nd.

The Trustees also discussed the recent King Street Special Permit Decision for 550 King St.. In that document it is stated that the 40 units of “deeply affordable” (30-60% of Area Median Income) housing, designated for seniors only, will be completed in Phase 3 of the project. The timeline shows that 2027-2029 is the anticipated framework for Phase 3.

The AHT will be sponsoring a presentation about the *Economics and Realities of Housing for Seniors in Littleton on Wednesday, August 21st at 2PM in the Sturtz Room of the Reuben Hoar Library*. The presentation will include aging in place, downsizing, and renting as well as the financial thresholds for affordable housing qualifications. Please register to attend and answer the questions that will help us focus the information to be provided.

Member Mark Rambacher and Town Planner Maren Toohill have submitted an application for a **Community One Stop for Growth** grant which would provide eligible homeowners with a mini grant for critical repairs, helping them to stay in their homes as they age. The Town will find out if it is successful in late October or early November.

The Affordable Housing Trust typically meets on the third Tuesday of every month, and all meetings are open to the public. Specific meeting schedules may be found on the town website. The meetings are recorded and available on LCTV's On Demand.

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Historical Commission

Barn Roof Raising - On June 17, 2024, an unusual event occurred in Littleton at 12 Robinson Road. The large rectangular roof that had been sitting in the front yard for a few weeks was carefully secured by strappings to protect this historic structure, raised by a huge crane high into the air, and precisely placed on top of the barn at the site. Prior to this, the roof and gables were lifted by a crane and removed, a foundation was installed, and the walls rebuilt, including reinstallation of most of the major original structural king posts. This was part of a larger collaborative effort by the Historical Commission, Building Department, and property owner Joe Cataldo to preserve both the historic house (built mid-1700s) and barn (built late 1800s) at the site. The Town of Littleton purchased the property with CPC funds in 2018 and sold it to Joe Cataldo in 2021. The Historical Commission is tasked with ensuring that the two historic structures are preserved in perpetuity. Littleton Community Television filmed the “barn roof raising” and this fascinating video can be watched at: <https://cloud.castus.tv/vod/littleton/video/6679b4c2766ef60008923d12?page=HOME>



Sustainability Commission

Devices like phone chargers, computer cords, gaming consoles, DVRs, TVs, and even coffee pots each draw small amounts of power when off. These are what we call "energy vampires." Try to unplug electronics when not in use, use on/off power strips, and use smart technologies that can help with your energy usage.

Curious about how much energy a device or appliance is using? Borrow the Kill-A-Watt meter from the Library of Things at the Reuben Hoar Library. Simply plug it in between the device and the wall and it will show how much energy the device is using.

Learn about saving energy and much more at EnergizeLittleton! Sign in to track your progress.

<https://community.massenergize.org/LittletonMA/>



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Nagog Hill Orchard Working Group

When John and Eunice Morrison purchased the property known today as Nagog Hill Orchard, they worked hard to convert the land solely to fruit trees and some vegetables. This commercially operated family farm business brought them income, provided local fresh food, and employment for two year-round staff and 3–9 seasonal staff per year. After John's passing, Eunice, with no children or other family members interested in continuing the farm, she faced decisions about the property's future. Despite lucrative offers from developers, which today would exceed \$11.5 million adjusted for inflation, Eunice chose land preservation.

To safeguard her vision, Eunice partnered with the town of Littleton and secured assurances that the property would remain dedicated to agricultural use and open space. This commitment was crucial in ensuring that Nagog Hill Orchard would not be converted for other purposes, including town departmental use, schools, commercial endeavors (except for farm stands), or residential development. It was a requirement that the Nagog Hill property be transferred to the Town of Littleton and the Town of Concord Water System, under the condition that the land remain designated as "Farm or Conservation Land". This agreement was also designed to safeguard our water supply at the Nagog Pond Reservoir. Eunice and the town utilized two state-run programs to achieve her vision.

Eunice leveraged two state programs; the Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program (APR) through the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture (MDAR) and the Conservation Restriction Program (CRP) through the Division of Conservation Services. These programs enabled her to protect approximately 124 acres of land. About 76 acres were designated under CRP and self-help initiatives, while approximately 48 acres were enrolled in the APR program. The APR designation permanently restricts land use to commercial agricultural purposes, thereby ensuring its long-term preservation for farming. The Agricultural Preservation Restriction Program secured Eunice's estate planning, and allowed her to become one of our town's true philanthropists. The APR program at Nagog Hill enabled MDAR to add additional acres to the program to further the objective of revitalizing the agricultural industry by purchasing the deed restriction, protecting soils, and increasing land affordability for farmers across the Commonwealth.

The APR program has a significant positive impact on farmers, the agricultural industry, state and local economies, and consumers. It strengthens our state's \$550 million agricultural industry, maintains farms in active commercial use, and supports farmers, fostering a robust and sustainable agricultural economy. Additionally, it enables both new and experienced farmers to acquire affordable land, it stabilizes farmland values, and ensures long-term access to farmland. Just like homeownership, owning land is an asset class that historically outperforms the S&P 500. Land ownership allows for leveraging and serves as collateral, which is a crucial factor for farmers who prioritize owning land over renting. Land ownership, like homeownership, secures wealth and intergenerational inheritance and financial security. Homeowners can leverage the value of their assets to take out a car loan or pay for college tuition. Farmers also want to be able to leverage their assets to pay for equipment or send their children to college. Given the very thin margins in farming, landownership is often what separates farms that succeed and those that don't.

According to the Massachusetts 2022 USDA reports, there are 13,284 producers, 5,337 producers are aged 65 years and older, 4,070 are new and beginning farmers. 12,861 producers identify as White, 95% are family farmers, with only 86% having internet access. Farmland values rank the third highest in the country, and median house prices rank 5th and are rising. The APR program offers a crucial opportunity for the 4,070 new and beginning farmers who seek affordable farmland ownership as older farmers seek to retire. Forty percent of American farmland is owned by people age 65 and older, while the number of beginning farmers and ranchers keeps falling. Farming and ranching have high barriers to entry, coupled with low financial returns. Many people who want to farm simply cannot afford to do so.

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Nagog Hill Orchard Working Group—continued

Nagog Hill Orchard stands as a beacon for the next generation of farmers, symbolizing an opportunity to farm with the security of landownership. Nagog Hill, under the APR program, strengthens our farm community, ensuring productive agricultural use and increases regional food security for all eaters. Amid challenges like pandemics and climate change, it serves as an insurance policy, offering fresh, local food when supply chains fail. Nagog Hill is not intended to be minimally farmed or have minimal farm sales, nor should the APR be treated under the false pretense of conservation to meet another aim. It's crucial that the objectives and goals of Eunice and the APR are met.

Eunice made a clear choice back in 1999 to not break up the property. She understood that a successful working farm required a house, barn, and land. The vote in 1999 was a promise to Eunice and the Concord Water Department that the town would look after and care for the land, house, barn, and protect the water supply at the base of Nagog Hill. The Orchard Working Group has tapped resources and lobbied both MDAR and the Littleton Historical Commission to try to further safeguard the property.

Despite three and a half years of expertise, research, efforts, and direction from the Nagog Orchard Working Group, challenges have arisen. Discussions about potentially dividing the house from the property for non-agricultural uses to generate immediate cash for short-term gain poses a significant threat. The “No” vote at Spring Town Meeting, did not save the orchard, it put it at more risk. The orchard continues to decline and the lawyers, real estate agents and developers are gathering.

The Nagog Orchard Working Group has strongly advocated for maintaining control over both the house and barn. Selling the house would contradict the long-term APR goals and Eunice set out to achieve. It diminishes the already very limited pool of applicants before a Request for Proposal is even made public. The Orchard Working Group stressed that only a farmer-owner can effectively manage the entire property in alignment with APR objectives, ensuring that Nagog Hill Orchard remains a thriving agricultural resource. Looking outward, there are new goals, priorities, and recommendations laid out in the MDAR Massachusetts Farmland Action Plan 2023-2050. This new comprehensive plan aims to strengthen the APR program and expand its impact across the state, and our recommendations align with new state policy.

Today, a potential deviation, indecision and further delays from the Working Group's recommendations has been marked by further decay of buildings, land and has now created the very real possibility for the splintering of the property for non-agricultural use. Eunice Morrison gave a gift to all Littleton residents, and it's time to fulfill the promise to honor the Morrison family legacy.

Please consider joining us at our next public meeting and visiting our webpage to learn more.

<https://www.littletonma.org/933/Nagog-Hill-Orchard-Ad-Hoc-Working-Group>

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Cultural Council

The Littleton Cultural Council is looking for your input, please consider taking our community survey today! Each town and city in Massachusetts are different and the Littleton Cultural Council strives to support projects that best meet the needs and priorities of our local community. Knowing what cultural activities the community values and putting into practice locally developed guidelines and priorities will help our council set our local guidelines and priorities. Community input gives our council the information we need to make good grant decisions. Thank you!

<https://tinyurl.com/kbn6by23>



Littleton Road Race

5k Race and 1 Mile Fun Run



Registration is now open for the 16th Annual Littleton Road Race. **Race will be held Sunday September 15, 2024.** It will be the same format as in previous years with the 1 Mile Fun Run starting at 2pm followed by a 5K USATF sanctioned race.

Visit www.littletonroadrace.org to register, donate, sponsor and volunteer. In addition to a closed race course, there will be food, music, and games for the kids.

Free t-shirts are given to all 5k registrants who sign up before August 25. Awards are given to multiple age and gender group categories, and 1mi race participants receive finisher's medals.

This race is a fundraiser for the Littleton Road Race & Track Organization. In 2008, we began work to promote the building of a new track and field facility in Littleton, and this facility opened in March of 2013. Proceeds from the Road Race will be used to maintain and enhance the Littleton track and field facility, as well as promote the sport of Track & Field in Littleton. Past projects funded by the road race include new landscaping at the entry to the track, the addition of a pole vault box and pit, a school track records board at the High School and summer track and field programs to introduce new runners to the track.

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"August is the slow, gentle month that stretches out the longest across the span of a year. It yawns and lingers on with the light in its palms"

-Victoria Erickson



If you're drawn to water, the Kingfisher represents you well. The **August** birth month birds don't stray far from water of some kind:

rivers, lakes, streams or even swamps. You can find them throughout most of the United States, either year-round or during breeding or migration seasons.

August—Applewood—The Apple tree symbolizes strength, gentleness, abundance and giving.



What is the final phrase?

