

Town of Littleton Newsletter



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Message From Your Select Board



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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:

Select Board Updates:

- The warrant for Fall Town Meeting was opened. The deadline for articles for the Special Town Meeting is September 14. The Fall Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 29 at 7 PM.

- A paving contract was approved for the resurfacing of Lawrence Street and Hartwell Avenue. Work should begin in September.

- An update to the Financial Management Policy was approved by the Select Board and Finance Committee.

- The warrant for the September Primary election was approved.

- The Select Board received recommendations from The Department of Revenue on our government structure. Among the recommendations are



creating a Town Charter and changing to a Town Manager form of administration. The Select Board will be discussing how to proceed at an upcoming meeting.

Nashoba Valley Medical Center Closure

The Select Board, town offices, and public safety staff have been participating in meetings regarding the imminent closure Nashoba Valley Medical Center. We have written letters to the governor and voiced our concerns.

Nagog Hill Orchard

A new RFP for lease of the agricultural land around the orchard was published around August 15. We are following up with parties that have shown interest in the property. Proposals are due back to the town by September 15, at which point they will be evaluated.

The Finance Committee approved funds for necessary immediate repairs to the structures to make them weathertight. Additional funds were also approved for conducting facilitated public outreach sessions on the orchard.

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 Desk of the Town Administrator

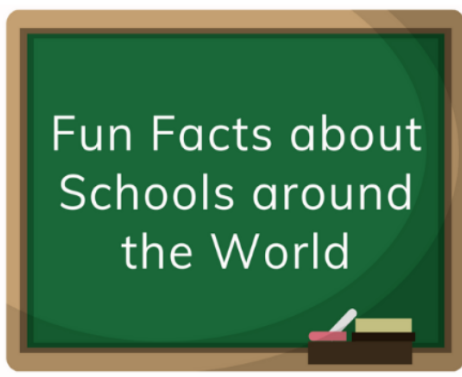


New clothes, pens, pencils, notebooks with crisp crease-free binders, excitement about the “cool” new teacher(s), sharing summer stories, and the opportunity to parade around the new backpack. All the ingredients with back-to-school excitement. Fun times! It’s new beginnings for so much, kind of like wiping the slate clean and happily engrossing themselves into learning more about the subject(s) they love.

I think it’s also an adventure for the parents. As your children advance through school, you’ll see them evolve in front of your eyes, as they organize and prioritize their assignments each night and you’ll especially enjoy helping them with their homework.

As hectic as the school year is, between juggling after school activities or sports and the day-to-day demands of the family, I’m confident you’ll look back at the memories and accomplishments your children achieved and smile as you tell yourself, “It was all worth it!”

Have a great school year!



- The children in the Netherlands start school on their fourth birthday so there’s always someone new in the class.
- Meal-time in France is considered part of the curriculum. Although kids generally learn eating and tasting food at home, these skills are reinforced in schools. Kids are expected to learn not only about different foods and where they come from (schools try to source locally), but also to display good manners and etiquette.
- Kids in Finland do not start school until the age of 7. Seven is considered one of the oldest ages around the world to start school. Most do, however, attend high-quality daycare or preschool programs.
- In Russia, children always start school on “Knowledge Day” (September 1) even if it’s a weekend or a holiday. The morning usually starts with a school assembly during which the oldest students from the 11 grade take the first-graders by the hand and lead them into the school while ringing a ceremonial bell.
- Have you ever seen a boat school? In Bangladesh, there are no fewer than 100 boat schools! In Bangladesh, annual flooding can disrupt school for hundreds of thousands of students. In some areas, roads are impassable during the rainy season from July to October, when rivers rise as much as 12 feet, hence the need for boat schools. Each one of the boat schools has internet access, a library and is solar powered.
- In a remote area of Colombia, kids have to travel to school on a zip line. It turns out the steel wires are the only form of transportation for those living in an isolated valley called Los Pinos. Very young kids travel with their parents or an older sibling. If kids did not travel this way, they would have to walk through the rainforest and it would take two hours to get to school.
- Kids in Japan are the most independent and disciplined. They travel to school alone, clean their own classrooms and even serve their own lunch. There are no janitors or canteens in the schools. On special occasions, students are allowed to bring their own lunch boxes, however, for most days, they will eat the same meal with each other.
- Summer vacations in Chile start from mid-December and end in early March.

Town Clerk's Corner

The State Primary Election

Tuesday September 3, 2024

7:00 am – 8:00 pm

Littleton Middle School

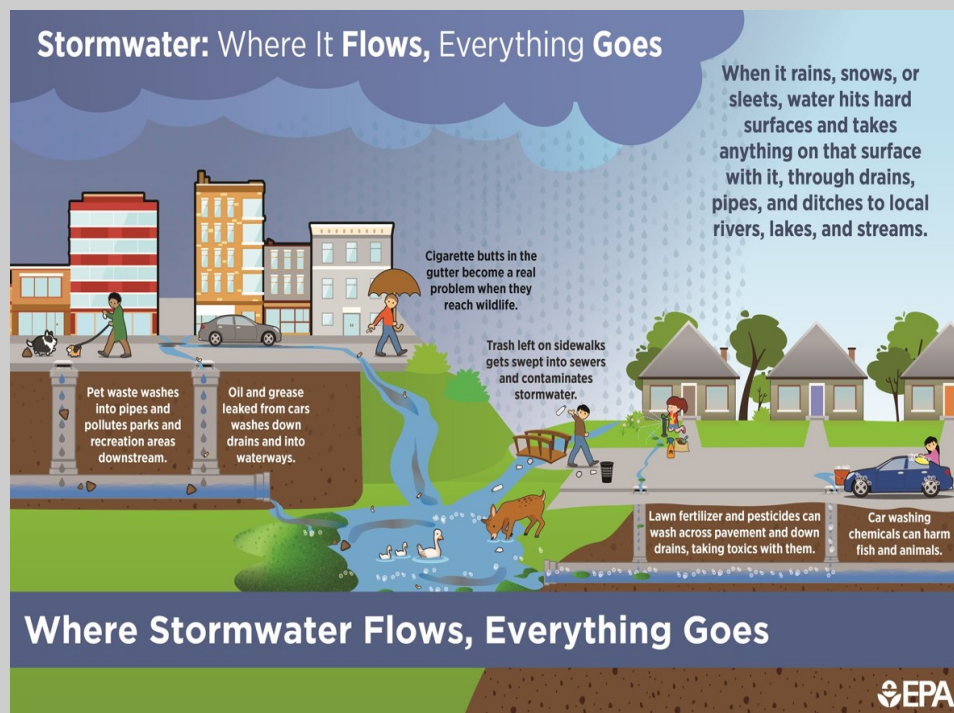
55 Russell Street in the Charles Forbes Kaye Gymnasium.



DPW

Upcoming Roadwork:

- Drainage improvements and sub drain installation has begun on Hartwell Ave.
- Resurfacing on Hartwell Ave, Lawrence St, Jillian Way and Foster St will begin in September
- Sidewalk installation on Taylor Street near Amazon is nearing completion
- Roadway improvements and shared use path construction on Foster Street will begin this fall.



Employment Opportunities - as of published date

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

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

[Office Coordinator—Land Use](#)

[Building Commissioner](#)

[Sealer of Weights and Measures—
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[Senior Sealer of Weights and
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[Communications Officer—Full Time](#)

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[Reserve Police Officer](#)

[Civilian Traffic Regulator](#)

[Equipment Operator DPW-Parks](#)

[*Download an
Application Here*](#)



LCTV is working with Troop 20 Eagle Scout Candidate, Tom Glorioso, on a new Pod Cast set for use at the LCTV Studio in town hall. Anticipated completion should be in September.

Are you ready for some football? Join LCTV when we bring you “live” coverage of all Littleton High School varsity football home games. LHS Alumni Ben Stormwind and Lincoln Palmer will be our announcers again this fall.

Games are broadcast on our Cable TV Public & Educational channels “live” on Fridays at 7pm & streamed to our YouTube and On-Demand Channels, as well.



[Click Here](#)



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Verizon 36 — Educational Channel
Verizon 37 — Government Channel
Verizon 38 — Public Access Channel

Charging Station—300 King Street

Public Accessible ChargePoint Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station – 300 King St

As of August 1, 2024, a dual-port, level 2 electric vehicle charging station is now operational at the Castle in the Trees at 300 King St.

The EV hardware and installation were funded by a \$29,343 grant from the MASS EVIP (Electric Vehicle Incentive Program).

The Littleton Parks Commission approved the installation at the playground, while the Littleton Electric Department provided additional funding for the infrastructure, networking, activation, and warranty. Additionally, the station has been added to the US Department of Energy's Station Location website and is listed on [Plug Share](#) as a Charge Point Station.



Health Department



Your Input Matters: Help Shape Our Community's Future with Opioid Abatement Settlement Funds

Massachusetts has secured crucial funds from pharmaceutical companies to address the opioid crisis. Our town will receive a portion of these funds to help address local challenges.

We want to hear from you! Your insights are crucial in determining how these funds will be used to improve our community. Please take a few minutes to complete our survey at

<https://forms.office.com/r/8398vtGreV> or pick up a paper copy at Town Hall, Room B-100.

Your feedback will help us identify key areas for investment and develop effective programming solutions.

Septic System Maintenance Before the Colder Weather Seasons

Many homes in Littleton rely on on-site sewage disposal systems, commonly known as septic systems. Regular maintenance is crucial for extending the life of these systems and preventing contamination. Spring and Summer months are optimal for conducting maintenance.

To keep your septic system functioning at its best:

- **Schedule regular pumping:** Pump your septic tank at least every 2-3 years, or more frequently if you have a large household or garbage disposal.
- **Hire a professional:** Always use a licensed septage hauler for pumping services.
- **Conserve water:** Install water-saving fixtures, fix leaks promptly, and run water-using appliances less frequently.
- **Avoid harsh chemicals:** Limit the use of bleach, disinfectants, and drain cleaners as they can harm beneficial bacteria.
- **Protect the drain field:** Prevent erosion and overloading by directing rainwater away from the drain field.
- **Be mindful of what you flush:** Avoid flushing items like wipes, feminine hygiene products, and grease, as they can clog your system.
- **Inspect for signs of trouble:** Watch for warning signs like gurgling toilets, sewage backups, or soil that's always wet around the drain field.
- By following these tips, you can help prevent costly repairs and protect the environment. If you have any questions on septic maintenance, please contact the Department of Health at (978) 540-2430.

Parks, Recreation & Community Education



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

Click on Brochure for
 Registration Details
 and Information!



Happy Fall,

As the leaves turn and the air gets crisp, we're absolutely thrilled to kick off another season packed with amazing programs and thrilling events that you won't want to miss!

Registration for many of our programs is already open. Our Fall 24/Winter 25 digital brochure will go live on Friday, August 30th, 2024. We're excited to announce that due to popular demand, Ms. Kelly's Practice Preschool is back! Join us on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am to 12pm for a vibrant and engaging learning experience for children aged 2, 3, and 4. Your little ones will love the fun and educational activities we've lined up!

But that's not all—this fall, we're bringing you something truly special. Get ready for the ultimate Puzzle Clash! Littleton will face off against Westford in an exhilarating puzzle-building battle. Form a team of up to four people and race to complete a 500-piece puzzle. Compete for incredible prizes and bragging rights!

And don't miss out on our fantastic special events:

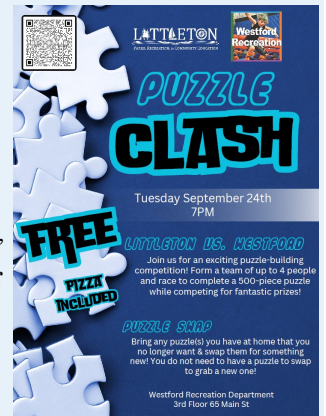
- **Denise Flaherty Pagacik Cornhole Tournament:** Join us for a fun filled day of Cornhole, food and music to benefit The Denise Flaherty Pagacik Scholarship. There will be a food buffet, activities for kids, live music and a cash bar. Join us Sat, September 7th at The Tiki Bar in Westford, MA to toss some bags, have a bunch of fun & raise some money for the Littleton Parks & Recreation Youth Scholarship Fund!
- **Oktoberfest:** Celebrate the season with a lively day of music, delicious food, refreshing beer, and family-friendly fun! Join us on Saturday, September 28th, 2024, at 550 King Street for a festive experience you won't forget.
- **Wiff King:** Gear up for our 1-Day Wiffleball Tournament on Monday, October 14th, 2024, at Shaker Lane Fields. Gather your team and show off your skills in this action-packed event!

We're always eager to hear your ideas for new programs and events. Your input helps us create experiences that bring our community together and make every season memorable.

Thank you for your unwavering support of Littleton Parks, Recreation, and Community Education. We can't wait to see you at our upcoming events and share in the excitement of the season!

Warmest wishes,

Alicia Day and the PRCE Team * LittletonRec@littletonma.org | 978-540-2490 * Stay connected with us on [Facebook](#)



Assessor's Department

TAX DEFERRALS (Age 65 or older – CLAUSE 41A)

A tax deferral will not forgive a tax obligation however it will reduce the amount currently due and create a lien on the property for the dollar amount of the deferral to be paid in the future.

- A lien is placed on the property to ensure future payment of deferred amount of taxes plus 1% interest when the sale of the property occurs or upon the death of the applicant.
- Total taxes deferred cannot exceed 50% of the full value of property.
- Deferrals may be applied for annually
- Deferrals can also be combined with any of the exemptions listed below

[More Tax Deferral \(CLAUSE 41A\) Information and Qualifications](#)
[Deferral Application Form](#)
[Deferral Recovery Agreement](#)

REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTIONS

A real estate tax exemption creates a reduction in real estate taxes due for the current fiscal year and is available to specific qualified residents. Each type of exemption has different qualifications and has a different application form.

- To receive an exemption every year, you must apply every year.
- Please see the list below to decide which you are best qualified for and benefits you the most.
- Some (but not all) exemptions can be combined. Please contact the Assessor's Office to discuss
- Deferrals can also be combined with any of the exemptions listed below

The qualifying date for exemptions is July 1, 2024 (This is the first day of Fiscal Year 2025 and the first day we start accepting applications).

- Applications received and approved prior to 3rd quarter billing (November 2024) will see the exemption split and credited to 3rd and 4th quarter bills.
- The final DEADLINE to file an application is April 1, 2025. Applications MUST be filed ANNUALLY, per the Dept. of Revenue.
- The information an applicant may be requested to furnish includes, but not limited to: Birth certificates, evidence of domicile & occupancy, income tax returns and bank statements
- If your property is being held in a trust, you must submit the full trust documents showing you are a trustee and a beneficiary

Assessor's Department

CPA TAX EXEMPTION

- Available to those age 60 or older and meets requirements.
- Can be applied for in addition to any of the other exemptions listed below.

[More CPA Information and Qualifications](#)
[CPA Application Form](#)

Elderly (Over 70 years of age), Surviving Spouse or Minor Child – (CLAUSE 17D)

1st Year = \$175.00

2nd Year = Up to \$350 thereafter

[More Clause 17D Information and Qualifications](#)
[Clause 17D Application Form](#)

Senior Exemption (Age 65+) with yearly Cost of Living Adjustment – (CLAUSE 41D)

1st Year = \$500.00

2nd Year = Up to \$1,000 thereafter

[More Clause 41D Information, Qualifications](#)
[Clause 41D Application Form](#)

BLIND PERSONS EXEMPTION– (CLAUSE 37A)

1st Year = \$500.00

2nd Year = Up to \$1,000 thereafter

[More Clause 37A Information and Qualifications](#)
[Clause 37A Application Form](#)

VETERAN'S EXEMPTIONS (Clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 22F)

Each of the above Clauses have varying Qualifications and varying dollar amounts

[More VETERAN Information and Qualifications](#)
[VETERAN Application Form](#)

For questions or more information:
Email Us: Assessor@LittletonMA.org
Call Us: 978-540-2410

Library



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

[View Book Top Choices](#)



September Events at the Reuben Hoar Library!

Please visit www.littletonlibrary.org to register for events.



Adult Programing

Melodious Zach – All Together Now: The Music of Lennon and McCartney

-Thursday, September 5th at 6:30pm in the Sturtz Meeting Room

Local Author Talk with Kevin Conzo on his book *Thin Blue Crimes*

-Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30pm in the Sturtz Meeting Room

Adult Board Game Night

-Thursday, September 19th at 6:00 pm in the Murray Room

Fall Candle Making with Garine Arakelian

- Saturday, September 21st at 1:00pm in the Sturtz Room

Janet Applefield – Author of *Becoming Janet: Finding Myself in the Holocaust*

- Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00pm in the Sturtz Meeting Room



Janet Singer Applefield is a child survivor of the Holocaust, author, and notable speaker. She earned her Master of Social Work at Boston University and practiced as a clinical social worker in the Greater Boston area for 20+ years. Janet speaks openly about her experiences as a child survivor of the Holocaust with thousands of people each year through regular speaking engagements with libraries, schools, houses of worship, and government agencies. Her talks raise awareness and understanding of the dangers of prejudice and encourages audiences to stand up to any kind of discrimination and injustice.

Library



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Book Clubs & Writing Clubs:

Monday Morning Writing Club – Mondays at 6:00 am

Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club – Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30pm

Third Wednesdays Book Club – Wednesday, September 18th at 7:00pm

Dirigible Book Club – Thursday, September 12th at 7:00pm

In the Gallery:

Janet Schwartz – August 29 – September 27, 2024

Teen Room

Teen & YA Board Game Night

-Thursday, September 5th and 19th at 6:00 pm in the Teen Room

Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

-Thursday, September 12th and 26th at 6:00pm in the Sturtz Meeting Room

Children's Room

Toddler Story Time meets in the Sturtz Meeting Room

Tuesday, September 17th at 10:30am

Friday, September 20th at 10:30am

Saturday, September 21st at 10:30am

Tuesday, September 24th at 10:30am

Friday, September 27th at 10:30am

Littles and Letters Alphabet Story Time..."A"

-Wednesday, September 25th at 11:00am in the Sturtz Meeting Room

Library



Mrs. Sill is Retiring!

You are invited to come in and wish
Mrs. Jeanne Sill a
Happy Retirement!

**Monday, September 23 to
Friday, September 27th, 2024**

Our longtime librarian, Mrs.
Jeanne Sill will be retiring on Sep-
tember 27th after working for the
Town of Littleton for over 30 years!

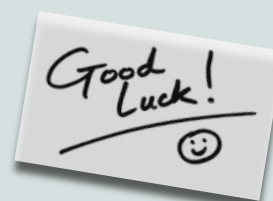
We are inviting patrons of all ages,
friends and town personnel to come
down to the RHL Children's Room
to wish her good luck in the next
chapter of her life.

Whether you have seen her smiling
face working at the desk upstairs at
the Circulation desk or down-
stairs in the Children's Room, doing
a morning walk around the lake ar-
ea, or

marching in a parade, you know Mrs. Sill is a special person and will be missed
at the library.

She will be here during the day on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday;
Wednesday she will work 1:00 to 8:00.

Be sure to stop in and wish her well.



Staff Engagement Committee

The new internal committee is composed of employees from several departments. The goal is to assist staff needs; whether that be for special requests, creating and implementing staff events, recommending policies, or other matters that may come up during the year.

Our hope is to encourage employees to express authentic feedback and support employee wellbeing **and** work-life balance.

Staff Suggestion Box

A staff suggestion box has been installed in the Town Hall staff breakroom. Employees can leave comments, questions, ideas, etc. for the Staff Engagement Committee.

Past Events:

Ice Cream Social
Halloween Party
Wear your favorite Football Jersey
Winter Holiday Craft—Felt a Snowman
Holiday Luncheon
Ugly Sweater Contest
Ping Pong Tournament
Employee Satisfaction Survey
Flag Day Frozen Treats
BBQ at Beam Signing
Summer Craft—Sea Glass Art



Future Events:

Ice Cream Social/Patio Games
Breakfast with Games
Hawaiian Shirt Day
Halloween Party
Coffee Time
Winter Craft
Holiday Luncheon



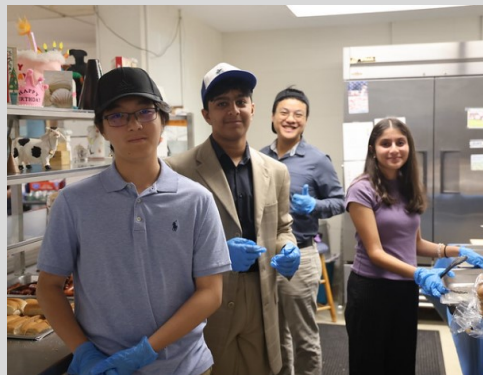
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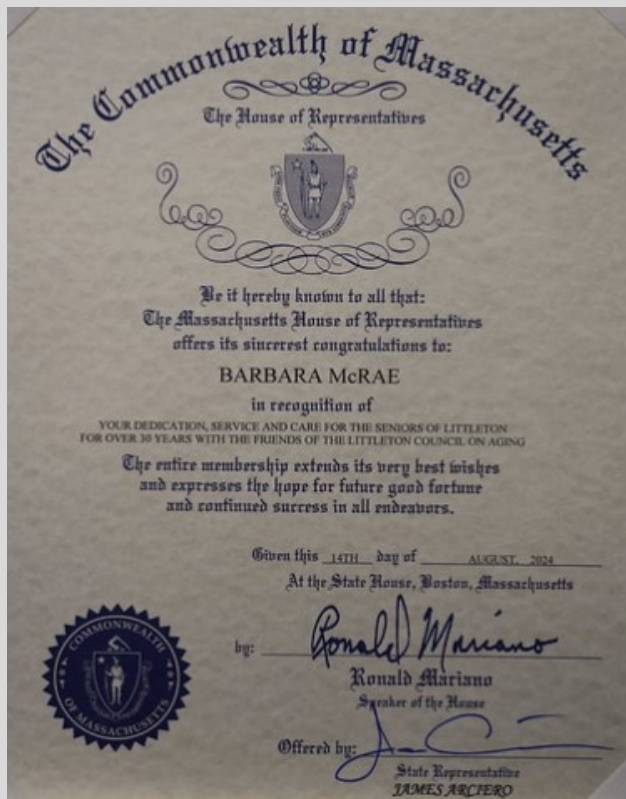
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Elder & Humans Services

**Celebrating Barbara McRae for her
dedication and service to Littleton Seniors for over 30 Years!**

Thank You Barbara!



Mini Food Pantry in Littleton

Eagle Scout Project—Mattias Lacroix

Located by the EHS Courtyard at the Town Hall

Tips for How to Run a Mini Food Pantry

Thank you for having and supporting a mini Food Pantry. You will be making a significant impact in the lives of your community members who struggle with food insecurity. In today's world the problem of food insecurity is increasing everywhere. This affects older adults, families with young children and everyone in between. Below are a few things we have learned from running our mini food pantry in the village of South Acton for the past several years. We would be happy to talk to you if you have any questions.

Loaves & Fishes or the Acton Food Pantry, those organizations are not open 24 hours a day.

Once those organizations found we had a mini food pantry they let their patrons know that

off-hours or in an emergency situation, our mini food pantry was a source of food.

- Our pantry started off not having much use, but within six months we needed to regularly restock. We have a team of three volunteers who each check the mini food pantry on a certain day of the week to replenish supplies.
- Shelf stable foods are essential and will withstand the temperature changes that occur in our area.
- Packaging in single serving amounts helps the most people - open a box of instant oatmeal packets, or granola bars, or fruit cups before putting them in the mini pantry.
- Packaging that is easy to open is better. Pop top cans for example.



Mini Food Pantry in Littleton—continued

Eagle Scout Project—Mattias Lacroix

- Foods that do not require additional ingredients to prepare are essential. A box of pasta and a jar of sauce is easier than a box of Mac & Cheese which needs butter and milk to be prepared. Just add water pancake mix versus one that needs eggs, milk and oil. Some people will not have these additional ingredients or the ability to cook.

- We regularly ask for donations from our congregation but also from local businesses and supermarkets. Some give us funds which we use to purchase the food supplies we need.

- We have a shelving unit in our church where we collect and organize food donations.

This helps us to see what we are in most need of. We have also learned not to put out too much food at once - but to keep the mini food pantry moderately stocked.

- We also put in items such as toothpaste and mouthwash (like those ones we all get from the dentist), feminine sanitary products, baby food, and diapers.

- Be aware of food expiration dates and discard any expired food.

- If you see someone visiting your pantry - start a conversation. What do they need? This can also help destigmatize food insecurity - we are all neighbors.

- We also have some flyers in our mini food pantry for other services that may be of help such as the local Council on Aging, Veterans Support services, Fuel Assistance programs and Local (town) emergency services.





Police Dept

July 2024

Calls	1698
911	226
Arrests	5
Incidents	95
Citations	61
Crashes	19



We received a thumbs-up!

At a recent event, we had a fantastic time giving a tour to a curious child who asked to see inside our police cruiser.

Everyone loves police sirens!

Congratulations to Adam Zaferacopoulos on being appointed as a full-time police officer by the Littleton Select Board.

Adam was raised in Littleton, he previously served as police intern and full time communication officer. Currently, Adam is set to complete the Lowell Police Academy and upon completion, he will undergo Field Training Program with an assigned training officer. Adam's dedication and commitment to serving our community is truly inspiring. We look forward to seeing the positive impact he will continue to make in his new role. Welcome to the team!



The Littleton Police Department is excited to bring back our Citizens Police Academy starting this September! This unique 10-week program offers community members aged 18 and above the opportunity to gain insights into law enforcement, and participate in interactive sessions, to build a stronger connection with our officers.



When: September 25, 2024

Every Wednesday night for 10 weeks.

For more details and registration information, please contact Officer Abu at iabu@littletonpd.com or call 978-540-2300. EXT 2330



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



Congratulations to our own Ryan Lloyd, who graduated from the Massachusetts Fire Academy!

Great Job Ryan!

Please don't be alarmed by the two cars in the back of the fire station parking lot—they're there for training purposes only.

Our firefighters have been refining their skills in automobile extrication and vehicle rescue techniques.



September 2024 Calendar of Meetings & Events

Check website for updates, additions & cancellations

www.littletonma.org/calendar

or scan barcode for live calendar



September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Holiday—Closed	3 Election Day - State Primary	4	5 Sustainability Committee Meeting Meet the Fire Chief Coffee Hour Littleton Rotary	6 Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member - Karen Morrison Littleton Rotary Carnival	7 Denise Flaherty Pagacik Scholarship Cornhole Tournament Littleton Rotary
8 Littleton Rotary Carnival	9 Council on Aging Board Meeting Select Board Meeting September 9th 6:30pm Library Sturtz Room Weed Warrior Event	10 Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Fleecers, Swindlers & Con Artists: A History of Fraud Through the Ages	11 Board of Health Meeting Hearing Screening Historical Commission Meeting	12 Library Trustees Meeting AARP Driver Safety Course Planning Board Meeting Littleton School Committee Meeting	13 Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member	14
15 Littleton Road Race	16	17 Affordable Housing Trust Meeting September 17th 6:30pm Zoom	18 Littleton Town Democratic Committee Shaker Lane Building	19 Shaker Program at Littleton Historical Society Fall Fling for Littleton Residents	20 Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member	21
22	23 Select Board Meeting September 23rd 6:30pm Library Sturtz Room	24 Artificial Intelligence & Chat GPT	25 Board of Health Meeting Power of Positive Thinking Ice Cream Social	26 Littleton School Committee Meeting - LCTV Room Henry 101: Thoreau-ly	27 Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member - Mark Rambacher	28 Oktoberfest
29	30					

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://littletonmaboardsvt.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

* **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

* **MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**

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

One (1) member - term expiring June 30, 2025

* **PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

One (1) member– term expiring June 30, 2029

* **TAXATION AID COMMITTEE**

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

* **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Three (3) alternate citizen-at-large members - terms expiring June 30, 2027

* **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

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

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

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Conservation Committee

Learn How To Treat Invasive Plants With Herbicide

Browns Woods Weed Warrior Event

WHEN: Monday, September 9th
5:30 pm—7:30 pm

WHERE: Browns Woods,
119 Tahattawan Road

WHAT TO EXPECT: Learn how to safely and effectively apply herbicide to invasive plants.



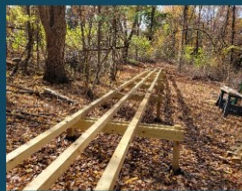
Just a few of the Eagle Scout Projects on Conservation Land



Dexter Crory - Boardwalk



Emily Boyer – New Trail



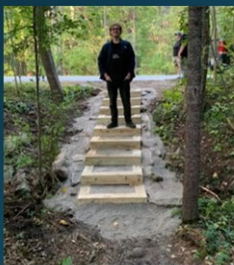
Niall Copp - Boardwalk



Tim Sturtz - Boardwalk



Mia Carelli – Pollinator Gardens



Brian Beltrami - Steps



Eamon O'Connor - Kiosk



Stephanie Mullen - Benches



Brandon LaVoie – New Trail



Benjamin Tessler – Observation Deck

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Cemetery Commission Updates

The Littleton Cemetery Commission has several important updates to share with the community. At our recent Public Hearing, held on August 19th, 2024, we approved a new fee structure designed to better meet the operational needs of our department and to introduce new services for the benefit of our residents. **The updated fees and services, listed below, will take effect on October 1st, 2024:**

Westlawn Cemetery Fee Update

	Existing Fee	New Fee
Lot Fees		
One Grave Lot (1 full and/or up to 6 cremations)	\$1,000	\$1,050
Two Grave Lot (2 full and/or up to 12 cremations)	\$2,000	\$2,100
Cremation Lot - Small (up to 2 cremations)		\$525
Cremation Lot - Large (up to 6 cremations)		\$1,050
Columbarium Niche (up to 2 cremations)		\$2,000
Interment Fees (To open and prepare a gravesite)		
Weekday	\$800	\$850
Weekday after 2 pm		\$1,200
Saturday	\$1,100	\$1,200
Saturday after 2pm		\$1,500
Children (Up to 8 years old)	\$200	\$200
Children Saturday		\$200
Baby (Less than 30 days old)	\$100	\$100
Baby Saturday		\$100
Cremains (With Ceremony)	\$350	\$400
Cremains Weekday after 2pm		\$625
Saturday Cremains	\$475	\$575
Saturday Cremains after 2pm		\$900
Cremains (at Cemetery Convenience)	\$200	\$250
Cremains (Inside Building Niche)	\$100	\$150
Cremains (In Columbarium)	Call for Information	\$150
Disinterment - Casket		\$2,000
Disinterment - Cremation		\$1,200
Optional Fees:		
Installation of Monument Foundations (Single - 3')	\$450	\$450
Installation of Monument Foundations (Double - 4')	\$600	\$600
Installing Flush Markers	\$50	\$50
Installing Veteran Govt. Markers	\$0	\$0
Canopy for Funeral (15' x 15')		\$300

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Cemetery Commission Updates

Additionally, we are pleased to announce that lots within the newly developed section of Westlawn Cemetery, located along the Sullivan Loop, will be available for purchase starting October 1st, 2024. Please reach out to our office or visit the Cemetery Department's page on the Town website for details.

We are also excited to share that the third and latest phase of gravestone conservation work within the historic section of Westlawn Cemetery has been completed as of late July. Funded by Community Preservation Funds authorized at the Spring Town Meeting of 2023, this project was carried out by the preservation firm, Fannin & Lehner of Concord, MA. As a result of the firm's efforts, 18 additional gravestones have been carefully and professionally conserved for future generations. Looking ahead, conservation work within this culturally and historically significant section of the cemetery will continue with a fourth phase of the project beginning in late August, thanks to additional funding approved by the Spring Town Meeting of 2024.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to our department at 978-540-2480.

Respectfully,
The Littleton Cemetery Commission



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Littleton Historical Society

Shaker Program at Littleton Historical Society

Researcher Ned Quist will be speaking about the Harvard Shaker community on

**Thursday, September 19, 2024 at
7:30 pm at the Congregational
Church of Littleton on 330 King St.**



A retired academic librarian, Mr. Quist became interested in the Shakers only a few years ago when as a hobbyist woodworker, he discovered Shaker furniture. The furniture, as it turns out, became a “gateway drug” to the fascinating field of Shaker Studies.

He has given a number of talks on the subject, published five articles, and is currently working on a book about structures built by the Harvard Shakers between 1791 and 1918. His talk will focus mainly on the Shaker Village in Harvard, but will include Littleton connections as well.



***If you want a break from the world news,
you might be ready to enjoy an afternoon of laughs.***

Join us for the **Senior Follies** on the Big Screen on **September 15, 2024** at the Littleton High School Auditorium for relief from sorrow, sadness, grief, agony and woe.

The Senior Follies will give you laughs, laughs and more laughs!

See you on September 15, 2024 from 2:00 pm—4:00 pm at the auditorium for the 2016—They’re No Angles and 2018—Futuristic Folies

This is a fundraiser for the new Senior Center/Shattuck Street Building.

\$10.00 per person.

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The Town of Littleton is excited to announce a **LOGO CONTEST** in anticipation of the **250th Celebration of Patriots Day**. This special logo will be prominently featured on all town documents, signage, merchandise, and more, capturing the essence of this historic occasion. Artist and designers are invited to create a unique and inspiring logo that reflects the spirit of Patriots Day and Littleton's rich history. The selected design will become the official emblem for the celebration. By submitting a logo for entry to this contest, the artist is agreeing to hand over copyright to the town for widespread use. There will be a town wide vote for the best submitted logo.

Hosted by the [Littleton Historical Commission](#), in conjunction with the [Littleton Historical Society](#) and various town departments, the 250th Patriots Day celebration promises to be a memorable town-wide event. Scheduled for April 19th 2025, the festivities will commemorate the significant historical event with a variety of activities and programs.

All logo submissions are due by September 15th, 2024 and should be emailed to historicalcomm@littletonma.org, or hand drawn entries can be left at the Littleton Historical Society in the special mailbox out-front. This is a fantastic opportunity for artists to contribute to a milestone event in Littleton's history and leave a lasting legacy.


Littleton Rotary Carnival



LITTLETON ROTARY CARNIVAL

September 5-8, 2024

550 King St., Littleton, MA 01460



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food and family fun*

Open Thur, Friday at 6pm
Open Saturday/Sunday at 1pm

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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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⇒ **September** derives its name from the Latin word "septem" which means "seven". This is because, in the original Roman calendar, **September** was actually the seventh month of the year. It was only later that the calendar was adjusted to include the months of January and February.

⇒ Out of all 12 months of the year, **September** is spelled with the most letters. It contains nine letters, and it happens to be the ninth month of the year. No other months have the same amount of letters as their number in the calendar year.

- ⇒ This **September** "Harvest Moon" is the fullest moon of the year. When you gaze at it, it looks very large and gives a lot of light throughout the entire night. No other lunar spectacle is as awesome as the Harvest Moon.
- ⇒ The first day of fall is typically on **September** 22 or **September** 23 in North America. This is when the hours in the day are almost equal to the hours in the night. This occurs at the same time as the Spring Equinox does in Australia.
- ⇒ A little-known, but highly significant holiday falls in **September**. **September** 17th is Constitution Day, which marks the day that the U.S. Constitution was adopted.
- ⇒ There are more pop and classic songs with "**September**" in the title than any other month.
- ⇒ We all know that Labor Day is in **September**, but did you know that **September** also has a few little known holidays? Among these are National Grandparent Day, National Cheese Pizza Day, and National Drink-a-Beer Day.
- ⇒ Labor Day is always celebrated on the 1st Monday of **September**.