

# Town of Littleton Newsletter



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## Message From Your Select Board



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Preparations are well underway for Special Town Meeting on October 29. Please save the date! In the meantime, here are some of the other items of note that have been happening with Select Board.

The SB approved a new HR policy aimed at retaining employees who have “topped out” at their step rate. This is another example of our ongoing efforts to promote a culture of appreciation for our valued employees who keep our town running, and it will help Littleton’s recruitment efforts in an increasingly competitive job market.

Due to regulatory changes by the state, the SB renegotiated its existing cannabis Host Community Agreements and has been working to adopt a new social equity policy.

The Town received four responses to its solicitation seeking a tenant for the Nagog Hill Orchard. As of this writing, the SB and the Orchard Working Group are in the process of receiving and reviewing the portions of those bids that are not related to price.



The Town received two Community Compact Award grants; \$55,000 to help cover the costs of facilitated public meetings regarding the Nagog Hill Orchard and \$31,000 towards developing a Town Charter, one of the primary recommendations made by the Department of Revenue’s Division of Local Services in its recent report on Littleton’s governance structure. That report is available at: <https://www.littletonma.org/DocumentCenter/View/8345/Littleton-Government-Structure-Review-July-2024>



Below are some updates on our major construction projects:

The Center on Shattuck Street; windows are in and fire protection installation is underway. Substantial completion is expected in March, 2025.

36 King Street (aka Indian Hill); The renovation to repurpose the building into administrative offices for Parks, Recreation and Community Education and Littleton Public Schools continues and substantial completion is expected in March, 2025.

# From the Desk of the Town Administrator



As we face the growing challenges of climate change and rising energy costs, our town is taking important steps to plan for a more sustainable future. I've been working with our Sustainability Committee to develop a Climate Action Plan that will help reduce emissions, protect our natural resources, and ensure a healthier environment for generations to come.



To kick off this effort, I'd like to invite you to a Climate Action Plan public forum on Tuesday, October 22, at 7pm in the Sturtz Room of the Reuben Hoar Library. Tom Birmingham, a leader in sustainability and energy management, will be presenting his experience in developing and implementing a municipal sustainability and climate action plan in Canton, MA. This forum is a great chance to learn how we can work together to create Littleton's Climate Action Plan to make our town more resilient and environmentally responsible. Your participation is key to shaping our future, and I hope you'll join us for this important discussion.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

On another note...

Let's talk about notifications. Residents can enroll to receive notifications that are distributed through the town's website. However, there's another notification platform called CIVICREADY PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS, we recommend you join as well.

Through CIVICREADY, you'll be able to register to receive Emergency Alerts and other notifications via phone call, text message, and/or email.

It's quite easy to navigate. On the town's website, scroll down to the bottom of the page to Littleton Spotlights. Within Littleton Spotlights it says, "Sign up To Receive CivicReady Public Notifications". You'll see in big orange letters Sign Up for "CivicReady" Here! It's that easy.



Sign up for **Emergency**  
Notifications through  
[CivicReady!](#)

## DPW



The Town of Littleton DPW is looking for snow plow contractors for the upcoming 2024/2025 winter season. Please click [HERE](#) to see the application for new rates and sign on bonus incentive.

## Town Clerk's Corner



The Town Clerk's Office would like to announce that Early In Person Voting will take place at Littleton Town Hall in the Multi-Purpose Room, 37 Shattuck Street for the November 5<sup>th</sup> General Election for two weeks. The timeline is as follows:

Saturday, October 19th	8am –5:00pm; (First day of Early In-Person Voting)
Monday, October 21st	8am -6:00pm;
Tuesday, October 22nd	8am -4:30pm;
Wednesday, October 23rd	8am -4:30pm;
Thursday, October 24th	8am -4:30pm;
Friday, October 25th	8am –12:30pm;
Saturday, October 26 <sup>th</sup>	8am –5:00pm; (Last day to Register to Vote)**
Monday, October 28 <sup>th</sup>	8am-6:00pm;
Tuesday, October 29 <sup>th</sup>	8am – 12:30pm (shortened time for this day only due to STM)
Wednesday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	8am – 4:30pm;
Thursday, October 31 <sup>st</sup>	8am – 4:30pm;
Friday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>	8am – 12:30pm (Last day of Early In-Person Voting)

**Again**, the last day to register to vote for the Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup> General Election is Saturday, October 26th from 8am – 5pm, NO EXCEPTIONS.

The General Election is Tuesday November 5th from 7am – 8pm, at the Littleton Middle School 55 Russell Street in the Charles Forbes Kaye Gymnasium. Please contact the Clerk's Office if you have any questions, 978-540-2401 or [townclerk@littletonma.org](mailto:townclerk@littletonma.org)

If you have requested a MAIL-IN BALLOT, you MUST BRING IT back with you should you want to vote in person whether Early or on Election Day.

### **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

The fall Special Town Meeting is Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Littleton Middle School, 55 Russell St, Charles Forbes Kaye Gymnasium. Check in will be by Poll Pad just as you did for the State Primary, so no standing in line by alphabetical order. Again, we will be using our "Clicker System" for voting purposes. We hope to see you.

Again, any questions please contact the Clerk's Office at 978-540-2401 or [townclerk@littletonma.org](mailto:townclerk@littletonma.org)

## Employment Opportunities - as of published date

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



[Office Coordinator—Land Use](#)

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

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

[Firefighter/Paramedic](#)

[Fire Prevention Officer](#)

[Communications Officer—Full Time](#)

[Communications Officer—Part Time](#)

[\\*Download an Application Here\\*](#)

## Finance

### *Littleton has Open Finance!*



Open Finance is an application which interacts directly with the Town's General Ledger to provide financial transparency to the residents of Littleton. The application allows a drill down type approach to viewing budget vs actual data, vendor payments and payroll information.:

<https://townoflittletonma.finance.socrata.com/#!/dashboard>

Open Budget is part of our commitment to improving transparency by providing a guided view through complex financial information.

## Building Department

The Building Department welcomes Henry Fontaine as the Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Henry brings with him many years of experience as a certified Building Commissioner having worked for several communities in the past.

Welcome Henry!

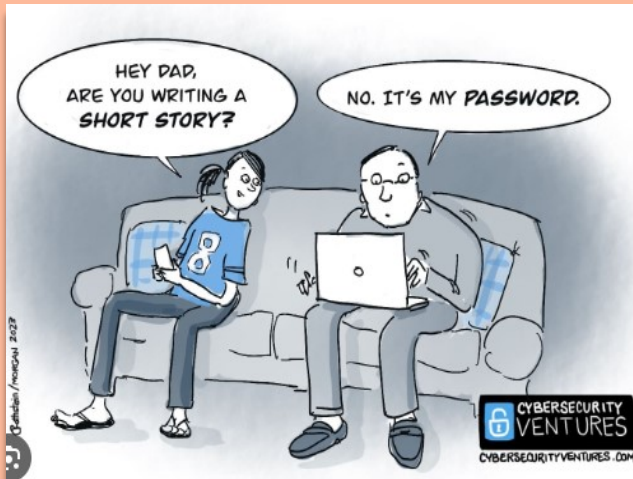


# IT Department



*October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month! The theme this year is*

## **“SECURE OUR WORLD”**



Cybersecurity Awareness Month is an international initiative that highlights actions everyone can take to stay safe online.

Even amidst large-scale data breaches and cyberattacks, Cybersecurity Awareness Month reminds everyone that there are simple, effective ways to stay safe online, protect personal data, and ultimately help *Secure Our World*.

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the federal lead for the campaign, and the National Cybersecurity Alliance (NCA) create resources for organizations to talk to their employees and customers about staying safe online. Cybersecurity Awareness Month is supported by corporations, government agencies, schools, tribes, non-profits and professionals dedicated to cybersecurity education and protecting our communities.

### **THEME: SECURE OUR WORLD**



The theme for Cybersecurity Awareness Month 2024 is “Secure Our World”. Launched in 2023, Secure Our World empowers everyone to understand the simple ways to protect yourself, your family and your business from online threats. We’re increasingly connected through digital tools and more of our sensitive information is online. This convenience comes with risks. Each of us has a part to play in keeping ourselves and others safe. It’s easy to do and takes less time than you think.

Between the strong passwords entered, 6-digit pins texted to our phones, and fingerprints scanned, cybersecurity is a constant part of our everyday lives. When done right, these everyday practices greatly improve our online safety and give us the peace of mind that our data, finances, organizations, and families are protected.

While we’ve seen incredible advancements in technology, like AI, the tried-and-true cyber basics still apply and are greatly effective at keeping you safe. This is why we continue to highlight the four simple ways to stay safe online during Cybersecurity Awareness Month:

- USE STRONG PASSWORDS AND A PASSWORD MANAGER
- TURN ON MULTIFACTOR AUTHENTICATION
- UPDATE YOUR SOFTWARE
- RECOGNIZE AND REPORT PHISHING



**FAST FACTS** According to the National Cybersecurity Alliance 2023 Oh Behave! report:

- 84% of people considered online safety a priority
- Only 38% of people use unique passwords for all their accounts
- About a third of respondents began using a password manager after receiving cyber training
- 79% of respondents were familiar with multifactor authentication.
- 70% of those who have heard of MFA security measure know how to use it
- Only 36% of people always install software updates when they become available
- 69% of people express confidence in their ability to identify phishing attempts
- 51% of Americans actively report cybercrimes, particularly instances of phishing

# IT Department



I am pleased to say that we take Cybersecurity very seriously in Littleton. Since we began using KnowBe4 in 2017 for training and awareness, our overall risk rate has declined immensely. I can say without doubt, that everyone is very familiar with our training videos, phishing campaigns and posters. Below are some of the posters you will see around the town offices (and bathrooms)!

## 2024 Training Video Campaigns

January—Don't Be Dave

February—2024 Kevin Mitnick Security Awareness Training—15 minutes

July 2024—Insights from A Hacker: Social Engineering Red Flags

October—Cybersecurity Awareness Training

## Simulated Phishing Campaigns

January 29, 2024

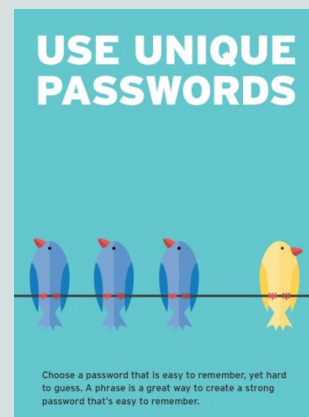
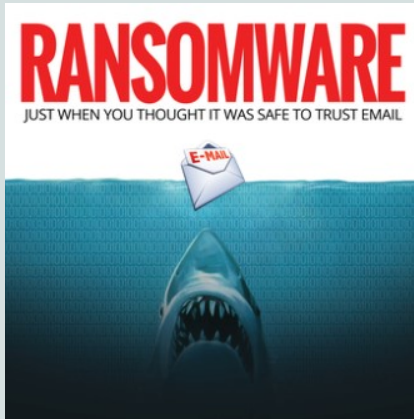
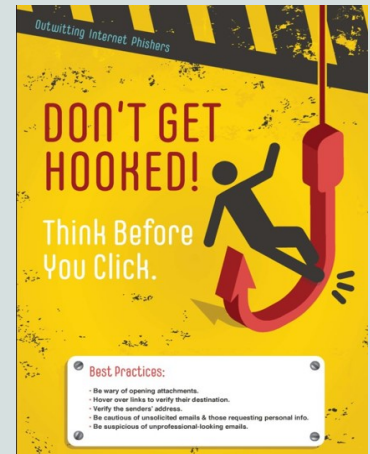
March 25, 2024

April 18, 2024

June 10, 2024

August 20, 2024

October 2024



## Parks, Recreation & Community Education



Alicia Day and the PRCE Team  
[LittletonRec@littletonma.org](mailto:LittletonRec@littletonma.org)  
 978-540-2490

*Click on Brochure for  
 Registration Details  
 and Information!*



Registration for many of our programs is already open. Our Fall 2024 digital brochure is live.

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!

Don't miss out on our fantastic special events:

- **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!
- **Halloween Dig!** Monday, October 21st, 2024, at Castle In The Trees Playground. Click [HERE](#) to register.



Who doesn't love to dig in the dirt? In this exciting, hands-on preschool adventure, little explorers will dig deep into the fun! Kids will get their hands dirty as they search through a pile of dirt to uncover hidden treasures, toys, and objects related to the theme. Whether they're finding fossils, dinosaur bones, or other surprises, each session offers an engaging and imaginative way for children to discover, explore, and have fun while developing their fine motor skills and curiosity. Perfect for young adventurers ready to dig into a world of discovery!

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](mailto:LittletonRec@littletonma.org) | 978-540-2490 \* Stay connected with us on [Facebook](#)



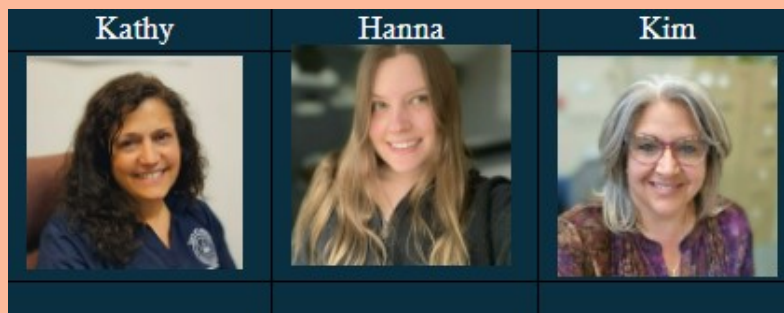
# Assessor's Department

## ***What's Going On:*** Cyclical Inspections

***What are they:*** The State requires the Assessors to have every house inspected at least once every 10 years to ensure accuracy and fair market value is represented.

***How is it done:*** Every year the Assessors concentrate on inspecting 1/10th of the town by dividing the town by streets. Assessors will go door-to-door requesting inspection. If no one is home, we will leave a door tag, requesting you contact us to make an appointment for when it will be convenient for you.

## ***Who may be coming out:***



## ***What streets are scheduled for 2024:***

Apple Ridge Lane	Hillside Rd.	Powers Rd.
Arc Place	Houghton Lane	Richard Way
Berrybush Rd.	Indian Run Trail	Robinson Rd.
Betsy Lane	Jackson Farm Lane	Rogers St.
Boathouse Way	Kaleva	Rosewood Rd.
Boxborough Rd.	Kimball St.	Sandas Point Rd.
Brook Lane	Kimloch St.	Sarah Doublet Rd.
Buttonwood Way	Liberty Square	Sarah Indian Way
Charles St.	Lillian Rd.	Snow Dr.
Colonial Dr.	Mannion Place	Snow Trail
Concord Dr.	Maplehurst Rd.	Springfield Dr.
Cottage Way	Matthew Dr.	Starr Hill
Coughlin Rd.	Meadow Dr.	Sugarloaf Lane
Crestview Rd.	Mohawk Trail	Tajlea Rd.
East Roxbury Dr.	Monarch Dr.	University Dr.
Elm Rd.	Murray Park Dr.	Village Lane
Elmwood Rd.	Nagog Hill Rd.	Wamesit Trail
Farmstead Way	Nashoba Rd.	White St.
Fletcher Lane	Newtown Rd.	Wilson Ln.
Fort Pond Hill Rd.	Norfolk Dr.	Woodridge Rd.
Goldsmith St.	Omega Way	Worcester Rd.
Hawthorne	Partridge Lane	

# Library



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

[View Book Top Choices](#)



## *October Events at the Reuben Hoar Library*

Please visit [www.littletonlibrary.org](http://www.littletonlibrary.org) to register for events.

The Library will open at 2:30pm on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> so that staff may engage in professional development.

We are closed on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> for Indigenous People's Day/Columbus Day

### Adult Programming

#### Adult Arts & Crafts with Rachelle Toth

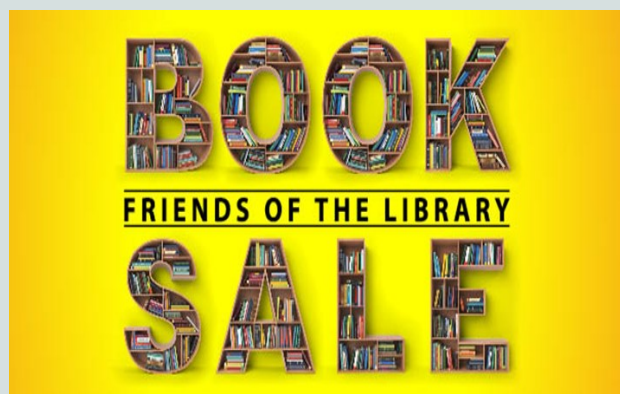
-Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Sturtz Meeting Room

#### Adult Board Game Night

-Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Murray Room

#### A Salem Witch: The Trial, Execution, and Exoneration of Rebecca Nurse

- Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the Sturtz Room



**Fall Book Sale: October 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, & 20<sup>th</sup>!**

### Book Clubs & Writing Clubs:

Monday Morning Writing Club – Mondays at 6:00 am

Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club – Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Third Wednesdays Book Club – Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

# Library



## *Teen Room*

### Teen LoFi Study Lounge

-Wednesdays at 2:30pm in the Murray Room

### Teen & YA Miniatures Painting

-Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Teen Room

### Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

-Thursdays at 6:00pm in the Sturtz Meeting Room

### Teen Advisory Board

-Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Teen Room

## *Children's Room*

### Littles and Letters Alphabet Story Time...

-Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am in the Sturtz Meeting Room

### Babygarten Story Time for Children 0-18 months

-Thursdays at 10:30am in the Strutz Meeting Room

### Toddler Story Time meets in the Sturtz Meeting Room

-Tuesdays at 10:30am in the Sturtz Meeting Room

-Fridays at 10:30am in the Murray Conference Room

-Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in the Murray Conference Room

### P.J. StoryTime with SLS Teacher Mrs. Barth

-Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

### Paint a Halloween Scene with Julie

-Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Book Club

-Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm in the Murray Conference Room

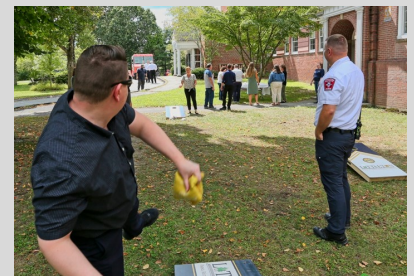
### Busy Bees Play Time

-Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Sturtz Meeting Room

# Staff Engagement Committee - Ice Cream Social



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**Winner! Deb Richards guessed the closest! 105 Lollipops!**



LCTV

## Elder & Humans Services



**Flu and Covid Vaccine Clinic: Tuesday 10/22/24, 3PM to 6PM Littleton Middle School, 55 Russell St, Littleton, MA**

Nashoba Associated Boards of Health and Ayer Family Pharmacy will be in town on 10/22 for our annual flu and covid-19 vaccination clinic! If you need assistance with registering online we can help over the phone, give us a call at 978-540-2470.

### To Register:

[Flu Vaccination Appointment Click Here!](#)

[COVID-19 Appointment Click Here!](#)

### Clinic FAQ:

- Residents have the option to receive either or both vaccines
- Pre-registration is required for each vaccine, whether for the flu, COVID-19, or both. If scheduling both vaccines, the COVID-19 appointment will be set for the same time as the flue appointment provided.
- Clinic is open to the public (ages 6 months and up).
- Residents of Nashoba towns can attend any flu clinics scheduled in regional towns.
- Appointment times are 'placeholders' so if the particular time slot you are looking for is not available, please sign up anyway and we will see you at any time during the scheduled clinic.
- People should bring their insurance cards to the clinic. This includes Medicare cards, even if you have a "Preferred" plan.
- No insurance? No problem. A person that does not have insurance may still receive a vaccination.
- There will be high dose flu vaccine available for those age 65 years and older.



- This year, all flu vaccine formulas protect against three strains of flu.
- Flu vaccine stock is all preservative-free this year.
- COVID-19 vaccines will be Pfizer and Moderna
- We ask anyone feeling sick to stay home.



### Medicare & Open Enrollment Coffee Hour with Alicia Rego Thursday October 10th at 9:30am

Join Alicia Rego, our certified SHINE counselor, in a casual coffee hour to talk all things Medicare and Open Enrollment. Come see what's new for Medicare in 2025 and schedule your Open Enrollment appointment to review your specific plans and options.

### Public Power Week Celebration with LELWD Tuesday, October 8th at 10am in the Senior Diner

Littleton Electric Light and Water Department returns for a light breakfast and giveaways to celebrate Public Power Week, which is

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## Police Dept

August 2024

Calls	1760
911	229
Arrests	12
Incidents	76
Citations	70
Crashes	25

RAD Women's basic self-defense course is a 12-hour program for women ages 13 and older. The course includes lecture, discussion and self-defense techniques suitable for women of all abilities. The final class includes a simulation where students are able to demonstrate all of the physical defense skills they have learned.



[https://littletonma.myrec.com/.../program\\_details.aspx..](https://littletonma.myrec.com/.../program_details.aspx..)

COST: FREE

OCTOBER 2024 SCHEDULE:  
TUESDAYS Oct 1st - Oct 22nd  
6pm-9:00pm  
Location: Parks & Rec Community Center & THE CLUB 41 Shattuck St. Littleton Town Hall

[Littleton Parks, Recreation and Community Education](#) [Littleton Community Television](#)



LPD is proud to announce the installation of a memorial bench in front of the police station in honor of the late Chief Matthew King, who passed away on July 3, 2023. The bench stands as a permanent tribute to Chief King's 36 years of dedicated service to the Littleton community





## Fire Dept



Steele McCurdy official appointment to Littleton Fire Chief!

20 FOSTER STREET, LITTLETON MA

### NOW HIRING

**FIREFIGHTER-EMT/PARAMEDIC**

BASE PAY STARTING AT **\$70,157** TOP STEP IS \$85,143

THE POSITION OFFERS A COMPETITIVE SALARY, COMPREHENSIVE BENEFITS PACKAGE, OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVANCEMENT, AND A CHALLENGING YET REWARDING WORK ENVIRONMENT FOCUSED ON SERVING THE COMMUNITY AND ENSURING PUBLIC SAFETY.

**REQUIREMENTS**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working 24 hour schedule (Two/Off/Two/Off) for an average of 42 hours per week.</li> <li>Comprehensive health, dental, and life insurance.</li> <li>Opportunities for educational advancement are available, with incentives provided.</li> <li>All medical licenses and training required for the position are paid for by the department.</li> <li>Eligibility for county pension benefits is included.</li> <li>Additional Union Membership benefits available under RFR.</li> <li>Additional life insurance and retirement plan options.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valid driver's license</li> <li>Massachusetts EMT-P</li> <li>Firefighter 1-2 preferred</li> <li>Advanced Cardiac Life Support</li> <li>Completion and certification from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, or equivalent, is required within one year of hire.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-smoker. Subject to random drug and alcohol screening.</li> <li>Physically demanding tasks under emergency conditions, including intense physical effort, agility, and endurance.</li> <li>Candidates must meet specific physical requirements and be able to operate equipment and perform tasks under adverse conditions.</li> </ul>
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VISIT [LITTLETONMA.ORG](http://LITTLETONMA.ORG) FOR FULL JOB DESCRIPTION & TO APPLY!

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

## Safety with Oily Rags

wet with flammable or combustible liquid



Oil-based paints, stains, and varnishes are often used for home improvement projects. It is common to use rags to wipe up spills or clean brushes. But wet rags can ignite on their own. They can start a fire if not handled carefully. The same is true of the liquids themselves.

### How can rags start a fire?

The oils commonly used in oil-based paints and stains release heat as they dry. If the heat is not released in the air, it builds up. That is why a pile of oily rags can be dangerous. As the rags dry, the heat is trapped. The heat builds up and finally causes a fire. Be aware that this does not happen with water-based finishes.

### How can liquids start a fire?

Vapors from flammable and combustible liquids can ignite, causing a fire. There are many commonly used flammable liquids. Gasoline, lacquers, and nail polish are just a few examples. There are many commonly used combustible liquids. Paint thinner, kerosene, and oil-based paints and stains are some examples.

### RAGS WET WITH PAINT AND STAIN

- Never leave cleaning rags in a pile. At the end of the day, take the rags outside to dry.
- Hang the rags outside or spread them on the ground. Weigh them down. Do this so they do not blow away. Make sure they are not in a pile. Keep them away from buildings.
- Put dried rags in a metal container. Make sure the cover is tight. Fill the container with a water and detergent solution. This will break down the oils.
- Keep containers of oily rags in a cool place. Keep them out of direct sunlight. Keep them away from other heat sources. Check with your town for information on disposing of them.

### LIQUIDS THAT CAN CATCH FIRE

- Flammable and combustible liquids should not be used near an open flame.
- Do not smoke when working with these liquids.
- If you spill liquids on your clothing, remove your clothing and place it outside to dry. Once dry, clothing can be laundered.
- Keep liquids in their original containers. Keep them tightly capped or sealed. Never store the liquids in glass containers.

### GASOLINE

- Use gasoline only as motor fuel. Never use it as a cleaner. Never use it to break down grease. Never bring gasoline indoors, even in small amounts.
- Store gasoline ONLY in a container that is sold for that purpose. Make sure the container is tightly capped when not in use. NEVER store gasoline containers in a basement or in the occupied space of a building. Keep them in an outbuilding, a detached garage, or a shed outdoors.

### FACTS

! An average of 1,700 home fires per year are caused by instances of spontaneous combustion or chemical reaction

! An average of 900 home fires per year are started when oily rags catch fire or are ignited.



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**  
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

Your Logo

## October 2024 Calendar of Meetings &amp; Events

Check website for updates, additions &amp; cancellations

[www.littletonma.org/calendar](http://www.littletonma.org/calendar) or scan barcode for live calendar

## OCTOBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <a href="#">Annual Fire &amp; Police BBQ for Littleton residents</a>  <a href="#">LPD Citizen Police Academy</a>  <a href="#">Littleton Scholarship Trust Fall Meeting</a>  <a href="#">Shaker Lane School Building Committee Meeting</a>	3 <a href="#">Board of Assessors Meeting</a>  <a href="#">Planning Board Meeting</a>  <a href="#">Clean Lakes Committee Meeting</a>  <a href="#">Sustainability Committee Meeting</a>	4 <a href="#">Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member - Matthew Nordhaus</a>	5
6	7 <a href="#">Council on Aging Board Meeting</a>  <a href="#">Select Board Meeting October 7th 6:30pm Library Sturtz Room</a>	8 <a href="#">Nashoba Valley Mineralogical Society (NVMS)</a>  <a href="#">Conservation Commission - Public Hearing: 161 Tahattawan Road -</a>  <a href="#">Public Power Week Celebration with LELWD</a>  <a href="#">Park and Recreation Com-</a>	9 <a href="#">Board of Health Meeting</a>  <a href="#">Historical Commission Meeting</a>  <a href="#">LPD Citizen Police Academy</a>	10 <a href="#">Library Trustees Meeting</a>  <a href="#">Littleton Conservation Trust Board Mtg</a>  <a href="#">Littleton School Committee Meeting - LCTV Room</a>  <a href="#">The Funniest Moments in Film by Marty Gitlin</a>	11 <a href="#">Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member - Karen Morrison</a>	12
13	14 <i>Town Hall Closed</i>	15	16 <a href="#">Shaker Lane Building Committee Meeting</a>	17	18 <a href="#">Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member</a>  <a href="#">Sacred Stone, Vision Quest, Nashoba Praying Indians: Littleton's Hidden Sacred Shamanic Landscape</a>	19 <a href="#">In-Person Early Voting</a>
20	21 <a href="#">Can You Dig It? Halloween Dig!</a>  <a href="#">Select Board Meeting October 21st 6:30pm Library Sturtz Room</a>  <a href="#">In-Person Early Voting</a>	22 <a href="#">Affordable Housing Trust Meeting - October 22nd, 2024 @ 6:30 PM - Virtual via Zoom</a>  <a href="#">In-Person Early Voting</a>	23 <a href="#">Board of Health Meeting</a>  <a href="#">Shaker Lane School Building Committee</a>  <a href="#">In-Person Early Voting</a>	24 <a href="#">Littleton School Committee Meeting - LCTV Room</a>  <a href="#">In-Person Early Voting</a>	25 <a href="#">Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member - Mark Rambacher</a>  <a href="#">In-Person Early Voting</a>	26 <a href="#">In-Person Early Voting</a>  <a href="#">Voter Registration Deadline for the Presidential Election 5pm</a>
27	28 <a href="#">In-Person Early Voting</a>	29 <a href="#">Planning Board Meeting - Special Town Meeting -</a>  <a href="#">Select Board Meeting Pre-Special Town Meeting 6pm</a>  <a href="#">SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - Russell Street</a>  <a href="#">Deadline for Vote by Mail Requests for the Presidential Election</a>	30 <a href="#">LPD Citizen Police Academy</a>  <a href="#">In-Person Early Voting</a>	31 <a href="#">In-Person Early Voting</a>  <b>Happy Halloween</b> 		

## 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.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**

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

\* **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Two (2) members – No expiration date

\* **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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**

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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### *Littleton Lyceum*



Now in its 195th year bringing affordable quality entertainment to town, the Littleton Lyceum kicks off its 2024-2025 season with a program featuring our most ancient inhabitants.

Littleton is sacred ground. We walk and live amongst a Native-made Spirit-dwelling landscape, a shamanic-world hidden just out of sight, set aside in 1654 by the Nashobah Praying Indians to preserve this sacred place.

Journey with us as we explore a world of ceremonial stone constructions, from antiquity to modern times, hidden all around us: prayers to Creator built of stone, Spirit-summoning enclosures, vision seats, spirit portals, manitou stones, solstice sunrise welcoming sites, sacred turtle effigies, serpent rows, and earthen dance-rings to name a few.

Tread softly here, this landscape lives, and is a place of communion between the Great Spirit and the human spirit.

Littleton's Hidden Sacred-Shamanic Landscape: Sacred Stones, Vision Quest, and the Nashobah Praying Indians will be presented by Littleton residents Strong Bear Medicine and Daniel V. Boudillion on **Friday, October 18, 2024 at 7:30 pm in Littleton High School's Performing Arts Center at 56 King Street.**

Season tickets to the Lyceum are available for families or individuals for \$40.00, and single tickets may be purchased at the door for \$12.00, \$5.00 for seniors and students. For more information, check out our website at [littletonlyceum.org](http://littletonlyceum.org) or follow us on [Facebook](#)

### *Friends of the Library*

**Bestseller from the book sale room: \$3**  
**Coffee from the coffee cart: \$2**  
**Board meetings per year: 9**

**Making a difference: Priceless**

**Join the Friends of the Library board!**  
**Email [ReubenHoarLibraryFriends@gmail.com](mailto:ReubenHoarLibraryFriends@gmail.com)**

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### *Join Us for a Community Forum on Sustainability & Climate Action Plans*

The Sustainability Committee invites you to a Climate Action Plan public forum on Tuesday, October 22. Tom Birmingham, a former energy executive and sustainability leader, will present a framework for creating a plan for climate mitigation and adaptation in key areas such as energy conservation and public health.

This informative session will cover the key elements of creating a comprehensive plan that addresses climate change through mitigation and resilience strategies. Learn how you can contribute to the efforts to enhance local sustainability, protect natural resources, and engage with community initiatives. Don't miss this opportunity to help shape our town's future by building a stronger, more adaptable community that can thrive in a changing world.

**Climate Action Plan Forum Tuesday, October 22 at 7pm, in the Sturtz room at the Reuben Hoar Library.**

## Health Department

### **Free COVID-19 Test Kits**

The Littleton Department of Health has received a limited supply of at-home COVID-19 tests. Littleton residents are invited to stop by the Department of Health office to pick up a free test kit on a first come, first served basis. The Littleton Department of Health is located in the Town Hall 37 Shattuck Street, Room B-100. Please see the attached flyer to learn more!

[Free Test Kit Flyer](#)

### **Littleton Department of Health Receives Grant for Outdoor Air Quality Monitoring**

The Littleton Department of Health is pleased to announce that the town has been awarded a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to install ten outdoor air quality sensors across town. This grant, part of MassDEP's Particulate Matter Air Sensor Grant Program, aims to improve local air quality monitoring and address areas with poor air quality to protect public health.

[Please click here for full press release.](#)

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## *School Committee*



Greetings from the Littleton School Committee! We are excited to share news from the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year.

The focus of the September 12 school committee meeting was the essential question; How have schools created welcoming environments for returning students and staff? Principals from all four Littleton schools reported on their efforts to start the year strong and build community in their buildings. At Shaker Lane, the PTA created a “Chalk the Walk” to welcome staff back to a new school year. Students were greeted by staff on the first day of school as they arrived outside and by classroom doors. To increase cultural awareness, students in each homeroom wrote their names on welcome signs in multiple languages. Staff at the Russell Street School of-

fered three Orientation Nights to welcome families by grade level. To build community at Littleton Middle School, efforts are made to make sure every student has a connection with at least one adult. Cell phone use is no longer allowed at lunch, which helps students build face-to-face connections with peers. The middle school hosted a family cookout before school started to involve families and start building partnerships. Students new to Littleton High School were welcomed using personalized tours throughout the summer, in addition to a student orientation led by peer leaders. The high school will continue to implement the curriculum Character Strong with a focus on creating a strong sense of community. The principals all agreed that students were coming back to school this year with solid skills not seen since before the pandemic. What an exciting way to start the school year!



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Students are also fortunate to have access to high quality lunches to fuel their day. In recent months, Littleton Public Schools' nutrition program earned two awards: the 2024 Terrific Tray Award from Massachusetts Farm to School and the Innovation in the Cultural Diversity of School Meals Award from the USDA and Action for Healthy Kids. The district was also awarded \$10,000 in grant funding from the USDA's Local Food for Schools. Littleton Food Service Director Leah Botko has made it a priority to use locally-sourced produce to create culturally-inspired dishes for students. On September 11, State Senator Jamie Eldridge, members of the Littleton School Committee, school administrators, local partners, and representatives from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR), the USDA, and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) gathered together to enjoy a meal prepared by the Littleton High School cafeteria team. The meal – baked had-dock, roasted potatoes, roasted autumn vegetables, beet and goat cheese salad, couscous salad, garden salad, corn and tomato salad, caprese salad, and apple cider – was representative of lunches offered to Littleton's students and entirely sourced from local farms across the state. We are grateful for the leadership shown by Leah Botko and for her efforts to partner with federal and local agencies to ensure Littleton students have healthy and delicious meals during the school day.



The school committee would like to invite all interested residents to come to Town Meeting on October 29 to hear a project update about the Shaker Lane School. There will also be an Update/Listening Session at 7:00 on October 16 at the Police Station Community Room. An additional information session will be held at 7:00 on October 23 at the Police Station Community Room.

Finally, Superintendent Kelly Clenchy was proud to announce that Littleton High School has been ranked #7 within the I-495 corridor, according to Boston Magazine. The magazine ranks schools based on criteria including class size, student to teacher ratios, graduation rates, standardized test scores, and educator evaluations. What a wonderful recognition of the hard work being done by students, educators, and families!



## ***Diwalifest 2024***

The towns of Littleton, Acton and Boxborough are coming together to celebrate and learn about the Festival of Lights at the 3rd Annual Diwalifest.

Curious about Diwali but not sure what it's all about? Come join us for some fun and discovery! If you celebrate Diwali, come to share in the joy with your friends and neighbors.

We hope families from all backgrounds will come together to enjoy the festivities! This event is run by volunteers, not-for-profit, and is free to attend. There will be food, vendors, cultural programs, and activity booths for everyone to enjoy. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there!

**When:** October 20th, 12 - 4:30 PM (Rain date: October 27th)

**Where:** Grounds of Sargent Memorial Library, Boxborough

**More Info:** [www.diwalifest.net](http://www.diwalifest.net)

Facebook: diwalifest22  
 Instagram: @diwalifest2022  
 Email: diwalifest22@gmail.com  
 Website: www.diwalifest.net

ACTON, BOXBOROUGH, AND LITTLETON PRESENT

# DIWALIFEST 2024

**VARIETY OF:**

- Indian Food
- Music and Dance
- Vendors

**SUPPORT:**

- Local/student-run businesses.
- Non-profits (Asha for Education).
- Indian crafts, artisans, musicians, and dancers.

**SAVE THE DATE**

📅 OCT 20th (rain date Oct 27)  
 🕒 12 PM - 4:30 PM  
 📍 Sargent Memorial Library (Boxborough)

**FREE ENTRANCE**

## TOWN OF LITTLETON

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Littleton, MA 01450  
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Email: [WebQuestions@littletonma.org](mailto:WebQuestions@littletonma.org)

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**Why don't skeletons skydive?** *They don't have the guts.*

**What do you call a werewolf with a fever?** *A hot dog.*

**What's a spiders favorite side dish?** *Corn on the cobweb.*

**What kind of shoes do ghosts wear in the winter?** *Boo-ts.*

**Why don't mummies gossip?** *They don't want to get a bad wrap.*

**What do cemeteries and books have in common?** *They both have a lot of plots.*

**What do birds hand out on Halloween?** *Tweets.*

**What's a vampires favorite fruit?** *Neck-tarine.*

**Why was the witch late for work?** *She over-swept.*

**What do zombies eat for dessert?** *Ladyfingers.*

**Did you hear about the gloomy jack-o'-lantern?** *It needed to lighten up.*

**Where do spiders do their Halloween shopping?** *On the web.*

**What's a ghost's favorite desert?** *Ice scream sandwich.*

**Why did the ghost quit his job?** *They kept making him work the graveyard shift.*

**What did one skeleton say to the other?** *I've got a bone to pick with you.*

**Why shouldn't you date a mummy?** *They're too wrapped up in themselves.*

**Did you hear about the invisible man who went to the doctor?** *He's still waiting to be seen.*