

Town of Littleton Newsletter



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There is a comfortable feeling in small towns



Message From Your Select Board



The Select Board will be initiating a government study committee. This committee will look into – among other things – establishing a town charter, determine the roles and responsibilities of various boards going forward, and whether to have a town administrator or town manager. Look for applications on the town website if you are interested in getting involved in the process.

The Board is negotiating a lease for the orchard with Bransfield Tree Company. Stay tuned to the Select Board meetings for more details. We thank the Orchard Working Group for all of their hard work over the years!

We are excited to announce two grants that the town has recently received! Representative Jim Arcerio and Senator Jamie Eldridge secured a \$100K earmark to install solar panels on the new Shattuck Center building. Thanks to our local legislatures for their support for this project! In addition, the Affordable Housing Trust was awarded a \$120K One Stop Grant. This grant will be used to provide home improvements to income-qualified homeowners. Stay tuned for more details.

Office hours for the Select Board are being changed to every other week, starting November 8. Please stop by the library from 1-3 on November 8 or on the 22nd. Can't make office hours? Please reach out with any questions or concerns!

Finally, we would appreciate feedback on this newsletter. What are we doing well? What could we do better? What else would you like to see? Please reach out to us and let us know! Click this [FORM](#) with your feedback and it will get emailed to us. Thanks!

From the Desk of the Town Administrator



When Nashoba Valley Medical Center closed its doors this summer, residents of Littleton and surrounding regional towns were left with little information about the future of health care in their communities. The non-partisan Massachusetts non-profit Health Care For All quickly realized the need for outreach in affected communities and began collaborating in September with local leaders on a response to the closure.



In Nashoba Valley, Health Care For All partnered with community members, local leaders and community organizations to build a robust outreach campaign that began on October 14, 2024. This campaign includes door knocking, local media ads, and community health care access input sessions to identify the challenges people are now facing and provide them with information on how and where to access the health care they need.

All individuals taking part in door knocking are from Nashoba Valley and have a deep understanding of the people, languages, and cultures they will be interacting with. They will be identifiable in yellow Health Care For All t-shirts and will have specific ID badges – please welcome them as they may be helping your neighbors access information they need! Health Care For All is also partnering with the Health Equity Partnership of North Central Massachusetts, Aging Services of North Central Massachusetts, and the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health to host community health access input sessions to ensure the needs of the communities are being heard. There will be five sessions focused on the following issue areas: older adults, mental health, veterans, maternal health/pediatrics, and general public. The input gathered from these sessions will be presented to the state-established working groups to help determine the future of health care in the region.

If you were a patient at Nashoba Valley Medical Center, please be sure to:

1. Get a copy of your medical records:
 - a. Call (610) 994-7500
 - b. Email stewardrequests@MROCorp.com
 - c. Visit nashobamed.org
2. Check if your primary care provider is still part of a list of approved providers in your health plan and review your health insurance options.
3. Plan for urgent and emergency care. Ensure you and your family know where the closest emergency room and hospitals are.

If you are interested in participating in one of the Community Health Care Access Input Sessions, please sign up [here](#) or email jxible@hcfama.org.

From the Desk of the Town Administrator



Important Information for Former Nashoba Valley Medical Center Patients



If you were a Nashoba Valley patient, please be sure to:

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- Email stewardrequests@MROCorp.com
- Visit nashobamed.org

2. Check if your primary care provider is still part of a list of approved providers in your health plan and review your health insurance options.

3. Plan for urgent and emergency care. Ensure you and your family know where the closest emergency room and hospitals are.

Resources

- **Emergencies:** Always call 911.
- **Health Insurance Help:** Call Health Care For All's HelpLine at (800) 272-4232.
- **Mental Health and Substance Use Support:** Call the 24/7 Behavioral Health Help Line (833) 773-2445.
- **Hospitals closest to you:** Health Alliance - Clinton Hospital (Clinton, MA), St. Joseph Hospital (Nashua, NH), Emerson Hospital (Concord, MA), UMass Memorial Hospitals (Leominster, MA and Worcester, MA), Southern New Hampshire Health (Nashua, NH) and Lowell General Hospital (Lowell, MA)
- **Veterans:** Contact your town Veterans Service Officer:
www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-veterans-service-officer-near-you

For more information, contact the Massachusetts Department of Public Health at (617) 468-2189 (Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.) or visit www.mass.gov/StewardResources

From the Desk of the Town Administrator



Important information and resources for Nashoba Valley Medical Center patients. For details in English or to join our community feedback sessions, scan below.

Informações e recursos importantes para pacientes do Nashoba Valley Medical Center. Para detalhes em português ou para participar de nossas sessões de comentários da comunidade, scaneie abaixo.

Información importante y recursos para pacientes de Nashoba Valley Medical Center. Para obtener estos detalles en español o para participar en nuestras sesiones de comentarios comunitarios, escanee abajo.

Enfòmasyon enpòtan ak resous pou pasyan Nashoba Valley Medical Center. Pou plis detay an Kreyol oswa pou patisipe nan konvesasyon kominote nou yo, eskane anba a.

معلومات ومصادر هامة لمرضى مركز وادي ناشوبا الطبي. للعثور على تفاصيل أو تقديم تعليقات باللغة الإنجليزية، قم بالمسح أدناه



Town Clerk's Corner



Election Day—Presidential Election
Tuesday, November 5, 2024
7:00 AM—8:00 PM

Charles Forbes Kaye Gymnasium
Littleton Middle School
55 Russell Street

Special Town Meeting Results—October 29, 2024

Article 1	Report of the Shaker Lane School Building Committee	No Vote		
Article 2	Bills of Prior Year	9/10ths	Pass	
Article 3	Amend Article 11 from October 14, 2020 STM	2/3rds	Pass	Consent
Article 4	Amend Article 10 from November 1, 2023 STM— Supplemental funding for tennis courts and renovation of Whitcomb field	Simple Majority	Pass	
Article 5	Zoning bylaw amendment to Article XXVII: Registered marijuana dispensaries and Article XSVIII: Adult use marijuana establishments	2/3rds	Pass	
Article 6	Amend Article 23 from May 7, 2024, Annual Town Meeting (Schedule D Fire Department on-call)	Simple Majority	Pass	Consent
Article 7	Amend Article 4 from November 1, 2024, Special Town Meeting	2/3rds	Pass	Consent
Article 8	Rescind and reprogram prior capital Town Meeting Warrant Articles	Simple Majority	Pass	Consent
Article 9	Amend Article 12 from May 2, 2022 Annual Town Meeting	Simple Majority	Pass	Consent
Article 10	Transfer care, custody, and control of Lot 107-A at the Nagog Hill Orchard to the Conservation Commission	No affirmative action		
Article 11	Fund Collective Bargaining agreements	2/3rds	Pass	Consent
Article 12	Authorize the Town Clerk to fix scrivener errors to Town Bylaws adopted by Town Meeting	Simple Majority	Pass	Consent

Employment Opportunities - as of published date

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



[Office Coordinator—Land Use](#)

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[Library Assistant](#)

[Firefighter/Paramedic](#)

[Fire Prevention Officer](#)

[Communications Officer—Full Time](#)

[Communications Officer—Part Time](#)

[Civilian Traffic Regulator](#)

[*Download an Application Here*](#)

LCTV



Troop 20 scout, Tom Glorioso, recently finished his Eagle Scout Project for LCTV by constructing a new Pod Cast Studio! Look for new podcasts to begin broadcasting in November!

Don't miss out on any of LCTV's great programs! Be sure to "like" and "subscribe" to LCTV's YouTube page! That way you'll get notified whenever a new program is uploaded to our channel!



Information Technology



Missed a past Newsletter? Click [HERE](#) to see a full list both past and present.

We would love your feedback of our Town Newsletter! Submit this [FORM](#) and let us know what you like, what you don't like or what else you would like to see!



Treasurer/Collector



Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Information

Quarter 2 tax bills were mailed out. Bills are due on November 1, 2024.

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

1. **ONLINE PAYMENTS** We encourage you to pay your bill online using the ONLINE PAYMENTS link on the town's website www.littletonma.org. Credit and debit cards have a convenience fee charged by the bank, but ACH is free to residents as the town pays this fee.
2. **DROP OFF BOX** For added convenience there is a secure payment drop off box located outside the main entrance to town hall.
3. **MAIL** You may mail your check to the Town of Littleton, Tax Collector, PO Box 1305, Littleton, MA 01460 or to the town's lockbox bank at PO Box 882, Reading, MA 01867
4. **IN PERSON HOURS** You may make payments in-person during office hours:
 Mon 8am to 6pm
 Tues thru Thurs 8am to 4:30pm
 Friday 8am to 12:30pm
5. **ELECTRONIC BANK CHECKS** If using electronic bank checks please put the bill number on the memo line. Please make sure the mailing address on your check is set to:
 Town of Littleton,
 PO Box 1305
 Littleton, MA 01460.

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

DPW

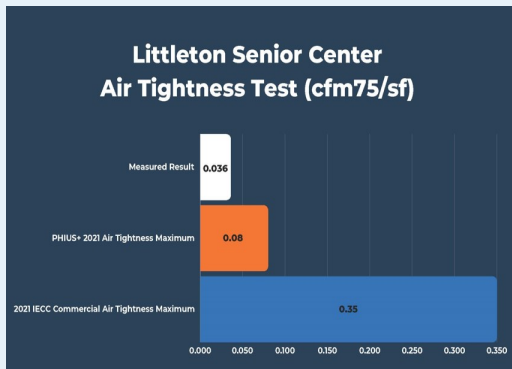


The Town of Littleton DPW is looking for snow plow contractors for the upcoming 2024/2025 winter season. Please click [HERE](#) to see the application for new rates and sign on bonus incentive.



Project Updates

The Center on Shattuck Street



Exciting news! Our team at the Littleton Senior Center recently conducted a preliminary blower door test to evaluate the building's air-tightness as part of our Quality Control/Quality Assurance program. Thanks to the entire team's diligence and quality control, we not only met but far exceeded the required stretch code air tightness requirements.

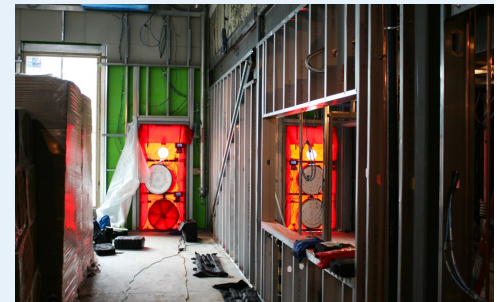
This achievement is a testament to the team's meticulous planning, anticipation, and quality control.

Project Manager Sen Blankinship and Superintendent Al Tocci sought insights from fellow Commodore employees with Passive House experience to ensure this project could meet and exceed the Town's stretch energy codes.

Often, blower door tests are completed after the building is completed, which can result in needing to navigate through interior walls to fix leaks and can add to the schedule and costs. Based on previous experience, we strategically scheduled the blower door test after fully applying the air and vapor barrier (AVB) but before closing the building. This timing ensured the building envelope was tight enough to yield accurate results, but with the walls still exposed, our team could quickly identify and rectify any leaks that could compromise the building's energy performance.



Advanced Building Analysis (ABA), who conducted the blower door test, came well-prepared for even the most extreme leak scenarios. They arrived with four fans to ensure we could adequately pressurize the building, as well as thermal cameras and fog to help find leaks. However, thanks to the tightness of our building envelope, they only needed to use one fan to get results and even had to restrict the airflow further to pressurize the building.



A crucial element of our success was the quality of work provided by our team. Notably, the waterproofing team was pivotal to our success. They first installed the AVB onto a building façade mockup that was then inspected by the AVB manufacturer. The team incorporated the AVB manufacturer's recommendations and provided proper training for field personnel. An ABBA (Air Barrier Association of America) audit was also performed mid-way through the AVB installation, and their comments were fully addressed. These quality inspections significantly improved the integrity of the installed air barrier.

This exciting achievement is one of many ways our team is working towards achieving stretch code requirements for the Town of Littleton's Senior Center. By conducting preliminary testing, we are able to ensure quality early in the project. Based on these results, we can confidently move forward as we approach the final code required test.

Commodore Builders



Project Updates

The Center on Shattuck Street —September 2024 Update



During the month of September, Commodore completed the exterior waterproofing and window installation, and continued framing work at the building interior. By the end of the month, Commodore had begun installing drywall where possible while awaiting a final AHJ review of the roughed-in Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing work. Commodore also initiated (through the ironworkers) fabrication of the interior staircase for the building, which is scheduled to be delivered to the site early next month. The HVAC, Fire Protection, Electrical, and Plumbing subcontractors continued their respective rough-ins at both the upper and lower floors. On the site, the Transformer was installed by LELWD, and the Electrical subcontractor has moved on to installing secondary feeds to the building. The Site subcontractor excavated and installed the stormwater infiltration system at the

North side of the building (Library side), and was completing this work as this report was being prepared.

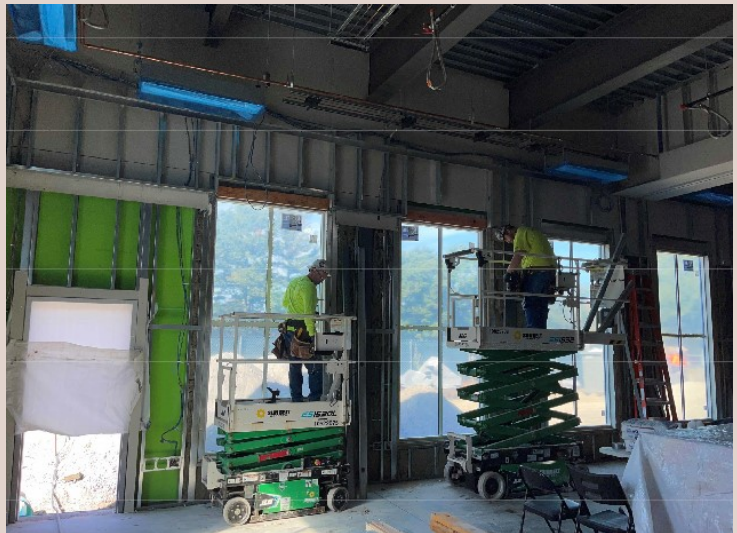


On the administrative side, Hardware and Security have been fully coordinated and procurement for each is in progress. Similarly, FF&E items are in final coordination with the Town / COA and expect to be completed shortly.



Project Updates

The Center on Shattuck Street —September 2024 Update





Project Updates

36 King Street—September 2024 Update



During the month of September, Classic Construction continued on exterior work, primarily focused on preparing the siding and sheathing for Painting. At the conclusion of the September reporting period, Fox Painting (Classic Subcontractor) was completing Priming and preparing for exterior painting. It remains Classic's goal to complete all exterior work before Winter. In September, Classic continued coordinating Roofing work with their subcontractor, with a target for early October for installation of the Skylights and SolaTubes. These were the subject of ongoing study and were further clarified by an ASI (Architect's Supplemental Information) issued by LLB to accommodate Owner Requests by LPS Staff; these changes were resolved in a manner that proved to be cost-neutral to the project. Despite the need for clarifying RFI's, Classic's carpenters began framing new interior walls in accordance with the architectural plans and ASI revisions. At the interior, the project achieved significant progress with the pouring of new concrete footings at the Lower Level on 9/17/24 after considerable Structural coordination.

Classic's administrative efforts are ongoing through the Submittal, RFI, and PCO processes to document their intended material purchases/installation as well as questions for the design team based on in-field conditions. Classic and their subcontractors are current with Certified Payroll documentation as of the conclusion of this reporting period. LLB continues to work with both Vertex and Classic to formally document any changes based on what is/has been uncovered, and is reviewing Submittals and RFI's that are generated in this process. Town Facilities Manager Eric Derba continues to be of great assistance to the Project Team with his investigative work on the sewer utility/Septic System and coordination with other Town vendors (Siemens, energy auditors, elevator service contractors). During the month of September, the Energy Audit was completed, elevator service completed (reinspection scheduled for 10/2/24), and the Septic system was scoped by the project Engineer. The team continues to work through the scope for the HVAC contractors to perform as part of the initial phase of this project.

As of the close of this September reporting period, the project is reporting minor schedule slippage, with progress approximately 1 week behind the original baseline. Vertex will continue to monitor schedule status as updates become available.



Project Updates

36 King Street—September 2024 Update



Parks, Recreation & Community Education



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

*Click on Brochure for
Registration Details
and Information!*



The intent of this program is to help Littleton families experiencing financial difficulties during the holiday season.

Through community donations we will supply clothing needs and 3 wanted items per child to help lighten the financial burden of the winter holidays.



Holiday Helpers Gift Donations

In December 2023 we were able to assist 48 kids in Littleton through the Holiday Helpers program. As a community we were able to fulfill 522 requested needs and wants this year, giving away an approximate total of \$19,300! Every year we are blown away by the generosity shown by our community year after year to support this Program. From our department and all of our enrolled families Thank You for all of your continued help with this amazing program!

How you can help our 2024 Holiday Helpers Families that need a bit of financial support this Holiday season:

- ◆ [Click Here to donate money to the Holiday Helpers fund](#)
- ◆ [Use THIS LINK 2024 Holiday Helpers Amazon Registry Link to choose items which will get delivered right to the PRCE Office.](#)

OR

- ◆ Once applications have been processed you will be able to pick gifts that have been specifically chosen by the kids enrolled in the program. This typically gets posted at the beginning of November.
- ◆ Choose the requested item(s) by picking out a gift ID card posted on a holiday display in our office. The gift ID card will give you all of the information that you need to purchase the item. Once you purchase the item return it with gift ID card attached.
- ◆ Once you have the gift(s), ship directly or bring them to the Littleton Parks, Recreation, and Community Education department located at 41 Shattuck Street, Littleton, MA 01460
- ◆ All gifts must be returned or shipped to the PRCE office before December 13, 2024.
- ◆ If you do not think you will make this deadline, please call the office at 978-540-2490 or [email Littleton Recreation](#).

Parks, Recreation & Community Education



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Holiday Helpers Gift Applicants 2024 [Applications are now available HERE.](#)

All paperwork must be turned in before November 12th, 2024.



Below is a complete list of what is needed to enroll you into the program:

- Both sides of the application completely filled out.
- Proof of Littleton, MA residency (current utility bill or current driver's license)
- 2023 tax return or 2023 award letters
- Income statements for one month from this current year (2024) or 2024 unemployment or award letters
- Proof of custody (could be a school report card, School ID card, or Guardianship papers)

How to enroll your family in this year's Holiday Helpers program:

1. Complete all sections of the application and make copies of any letters or documents that can verify the required items listed previously.

* Physical copies of the application are located at our office, 41 Shattuck Street, Littleton, MA 01460

* If you need help making copies you can set up an appointment with the PRCE department for assistance. Call 978-540-2490 or [email Littleton PRCE](#).

2. Turn in completed application, wish lists, needs lists, and copied documents to the Parks, Recreation, and Community Education Department

Applications can be:

- Mailed to 41 Shattuck Street, Littleton, MA 01460
- Put it in the yellow drop box outside the door at 37 Shattuck Street, Littleton, MA 01460
- Allow 3 to 5 days for response from the PRCE Director, Alicia Day

Library

Reuben Hoar Library
 Serving Littleton since 1887

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

[View Book Top Choices](#)



November Events at the Reuben Hoar Library

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

We are closed on Monday, November 11th for Veterans Day and Thursday, November 28th for Thanksgiving. We close at 4pm on Wednesday, November 27th.

Adult Programming

Boston Typewriter Orchestra

- Thursday, November 7th at 6:30pm in the Sturtz Meeting Room



Medicare Supplement or Medicare Advantage Plans? Which is Best for You?

-Saturday, November 9th at 11:00 am in the Sturtz Room



Ted Reinstein – Travels Through the Heart and Soul of New England

- Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30pm in the Sturtz Room

Library



Book Clubs & Writing Clubs:

Monday Morning Writing Club – Mondays at 6:00 am

Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club – Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30pm

Third Wednesdays Book Club – Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00pm

Teen Room



Teen LoFi Study Lounge

-Wednesdays at 2:30pm in the Murray Room

Teen & YA Miniatures Painting

-Thursday, October 17th at 6:00pm in the Teen Room



Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

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

Teen Advisory Board

-Wednesday, November 13th at 6pm in the Teen Room

Teen & YA Board Game Cafe

-Saturday, November 23rd at 12:30 pm in the Murray Room

Library



Children's Room

Toddler Storytime

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



Cartoonist, Rick Stromoski

-Tuesday, November 5th at 11:30am in the Sturt Room

Littles and Letters Alphabet Story Time...

-Wednesday, November 6th, and 20th at 11am in the Sturtz Meeting Room

PJ Story Time with SLS Teacher Mrs. McNaught

-Wednesday, November 13th at 6:30pm in the Children's Room

Busy Bees Play Time

-Monday, November 18th at 10am in the Sturtz Meeting Room

Paint a Fall Scene with Julie

-Friday, November 15th at 2pm in the Sturtz Meeting Room

Babygarten Story Time for Children 0-18 months

-Thursdays November 7th and 21st at 10:30am in the Sturtz Meeting Room



Lego Club for ages 6 and up

-Wednesday, November 20th at 4pm in the Sturtz Room

Littleton Country Gardeners Craft for Children in Grades 3-5

-Monday, November 25th at 3:30 pm in the Sturtz Room



The Hospital Closure and You

The impacts of Nashoba Valley Medical Center closing are being felt by everyone in different ways. Lois Luniewicz, from the Health Equity Partnership of North Central MA, will be at the **Library in the Sturtz Room (Reuben Hoar Library) on November 14th at 6:30pm** to give out flyers with information about managing your care in the wake of the closure and to collect your stories and concerns. Stop by anytime to pick up a flyer and talk with Lois. In addition to collecting your feedback, she will be recruiting participants for late November /early December community visioning sessions that will help prioritize immediate strategies to help people access healthcare services and to work toward replacing the lost services that are most critical to the community.



Elder & Human Services



Sand for Seniors

Snow and ice are right around the corner! Sand for Seniors is a program designed to increase safety during the winter and was created for eligible seniors who are physically or financially unable to acquire their own bucket of an ice melt product.

This program is available to senior Littleton residents who meet the following criteria:

- be a Senior Littleton resident;
- live in their own home;
- and are unable to physically get ice melt product OR unable to afford ice melt product.

If you are interested in the program, please call the EHS Office to confirm your eligibility. If you qualify, you will have a bucket of ice melt product delivered to your door by a staff member or volunteer for use on your property. For more information or to sign up for the program please call 978-5402470

Fare-Free COA Transportation

Exciting news for our transportation users— our COA vans are now fare-free for all your rides! Rides are available Monday-Friday 9-3pm. Arrange a ride by calling Dispatch at 978-844-6809; their hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30am-4:00pm.

Holiday Scam Awareness with Middlesex Sheriff's Office , Monday November 18th at 10am, LPD Community Room

Members of the Middlesex Sheriff's Office will be on hand at the LPD Community Room on November 18, 2024 @ 10AM to discuss scam prevention and awareness during the holiday season. The Sheriff's Office will talk about ongoing scams, ways to recognize them and how you can help family, friends and neighbors protect themselves.


Littleton, MA

Try Our MART Connects Ride Service

MART Connects offers affordable and convenient rides for various purposes within Littleton, covering up to 20 miles one-way. Whether it's shopping, commuting, or social activities, we've got your ride needs covered!

This ride service operates 7 days a week from 5:30AM to 10PM. It picks you up and drops you off wherever you need. To book, call MART's Call Center at 1-978-345-7711, Option 4, between 8:30AM and 4:30PM, Monday - Friday.

Book your ride by 2PM at least 1 day in advance.

You only pay:

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

If you want a way to get affordable rides that pick you up when and where you want, try MART Connects. You will soon learn what a great way MART Connects will be to get you where you need to go to lead your life.

Elder & Human Services



Friends of the Council on Aging

It's an exciting time in Littleton with the long-awaited senior center, the Center on Shattuck Street, nearing completion. With our new building comes the perfect opportunity to remember or honor a loved one or leave a legacy. There are a few ways to do this, with or without recognition.

Taken in its simplest form first, monetary donations can be made to the senior center in any amount and at any time. You can choose to be recognized for your donation or remain anonymous. It's that simple. You can make a donation in person or send a check.

A second choice is in the form of an engraved leaf on a donor tree. The multi-branched tree will be on the wall in the lobby and there are two leaf sizes. The donation for the smaller leaf is \$250. The donation for a larger leaf is \$500.

The third choice may appeal to those who want to make a group or family gift, or a company interested in supporting our town while being recognized as a community leader. Support at this higher level comes with a Naming Opportunity in our new center. You sponsor/fund a room at the center and an engraved plaque with your name will be mounted outside the donor-dedicated room. There are many sponsorship opportunities in the new building from rooms to special window views and even a coffee area. The Friends are proud to be funding the multipurpose room and Main Lobby, but it was one of our residents who funded the first room. He has dedicated the Study to his beloved wife who never missed a recorded town meeting on LCTV.

Naming Opportunities are on a first-come/first-serve basis. The full list is held by Liz Tretiak, EHS/COA Director. Information packets are available upon request, or online here:

Littletoncenteronshattuck.com/donation-opportunities

Open to all residents: FLCOA Turkey Bingo Fundraiser! Thursday November 21st, 6:00-8:00pm, MPR

Join us for a fun evening playing Turkey Bingo while we raise money to support the new senior center! Prizes will include items to make your Thanksgiving dinner a success! You'll have a chance to win turkeys, desserts, veggie baskets, and more! The Friends of the COA will be holding a 50/50 raffle, and raffle baskets. \$5 for 2 cards. Come enjoy desserts and a fun night out! Open to all residents.

Elder & Humans Services Fall Fling



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Police Dept

September 2024

Calls	1738
911	286
Arrests	13
Incidents	83
Citations	57
Crashes	13



The Littleton Police Department proudly announces the graduation of Adam Zaferacopoulos from the Lowell Police Academy. After months of rigorous training, Adam is set to begin several months of field training with the department. During this time, he will work alongside experienced officers to further develop his skills and knowledge.

Adam's commitment to public service and dedication to protecting the community are evident through his hard work and achievements at the academy. Upon completing his field training, Adam will officially serve the residents of Littleton, contributing to a safe and supportive environment for all.

Please join us in congratulating Adam on this significant milestone and wishing him success in his next career phase.



Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association representing well at IACP. Chief Pinard and Deputy Chief Patterson are attending the valuable training being hosted by Boston for the first time since 2006.



New Employees on our Team!

David Frechette

Reserve Officer

Joseph Pagnotta

Part-time Communications Officer

Kelley Santiago

Full-time Communications Officer

Heidi LeBlanc

Full-time Communications Officer



Fire Dept



Please join us in welcoming our two newest Firefighter/Paramedics to Littleton Fire Department. Brandon Brown and Keidi Pacheco Montero.

Brandon joins us from Pro EMS.

Keidi joins us from the town of Westfield.

If you see either of them in town, please say hello and welcome them to the town of Littleton!



Each year thousands of homes experience chimney fires due to improper maintenance of their chimney. In fact, most chimney fires are caused by creosote, which is a by-product resulting from the incomplete combustion of wood. It builds up on the sides of your chimney as a liquid and later condenses into a solid. As it builds up it not only blocks the flue, but can ignite into a fire.

However, these fires can easily be prevented. If you have never had your chimney cleaned and inspected or it's been a while, we encourage you to take these precautions to prevent a chimney fire in your home by following these steps:

1. Clean your chimney. It is recommended that you have your chimney professionally cleaned and inspected at least once a year. A professional chimney sweep will do more than brush out your chimney. They will also inspect your chimney for cracks, damage to liners, improper installation and much more.
2. Use dry wood. If your wood is not fully cured or is wet, it will not burn as hot as dry wood normally does. It will also produce more smoke. Burning wet wood can also lead to creosote building up faster in your chimney. NOTE: Be sure NOT to burn construction scraps, treated woods or any sappy pines, which can contribute to the creosote buildup. (Creosote is a mixture of chemicals that comes from the distillation of wood or coal tar. It's used to protect wood from pests like termites and fungi.)
3. Burn your wood stove in the "burn zone" daily. If you burn your wood stove hot enough on a regular basis, it will reduce the build-up of creosote.
4. Burn the hardest firewood you can find. Burn hard woods, i.e., oak, ash, or maple that have been seasoned for at least one year.
5. Lack of air supply also causes chimney fires. If your fireplace cannot draw in enough air, creosote forms. Make sure your damper is open, and once fire is going keep glass hearth doors open to encourage airflow.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Never leave your fireplace unattended.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate the fire.
- Keep the area around the chimney or woodstove clear of any debris, decorations or flammable materials.
- Installing CO detectors in your home is the finishing touch to provide peace of mind and keep your family safe throughout the year, not just during the cold winter season when we have our fireplaces on.

Here are some warning signs of a chimney fire...

- * Damper metal and/or metal connector pipe are warped.
- * Cracked or collapsed flue tiles or tiles with large chunks missing.
- * Discolored or distorted rain cap.
- * Flakes or larger pieces of creosote found on the roof or ground.
- * Cracks in exterior masonry.
- * Sparks coming from chimney
- * A rush or roaring sound in the chimney.

October 2024 Calendar of Meetings & Events

Check website for updates, additions & cancellations

www.littletonma.org/calendar or scan barcode for live calendar

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 In-Person Early Voting	2
3 Nashoba Valley Technical High School Open House	4 Select Board Meeting November 4th 6:30pm Library Sturtz Room Kimball/Morrison Scholarship Selection Committee - Joint	5 Election Day - Presidential Election	6	7 Sustainability Committee Meeting	8 Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member	9
10	11 Town Hall Closed - Holiday	12 Park and Recreation Commission Meeting Nashoba Valley Mineralogical Society (NVMS)	13 Board of Health Meeting	14 Library Trustees Meeting Planning Board Meeting - November 14th, 2024 @ 6:30 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall) Littleton School Committee Meeting -	15	16 Iris Society of Massachusetts
17	18 Holiday Scam Awareness - COA Event Select Board Meeting November 18th 6:30pm Library Sturtz Room	19 Affordable Housing Trust Meeting - November 19th, 2024 @ 6:30 PM - Virtual via Zoom Reuben Hoar Library Policy Committee Meeting - November 19th, 2024 @ 4:15 PM - Zoom Narcan Training LELWD Meeting - Sewer Public Forum	20 Shaker Lane Building Committee Meeting	21 Littleton School Committee Meeting - LCTV Room	22 Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member	23
24	25	26	27 Board of Health Meeting	28 Town Hall Closed—Thanksgiving	29 Town Hall Closed—Thanksgiving	30

Current Board Vacancies (Appointed by the Select Board)



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**

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

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

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

* **TAXATION AID COMMITTEE**

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

* **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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

* **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

One (1) member - term expiring June 30, 2025
One (1) alternate—term expiring June 30, 2026
Two (2) alternate - term expiring June 30, 2027

APPOINTED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

* **FINCANCE COMMITTEE**

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

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Conservation



Cloverdale ADA Project: The boardwalk has been updated with a platform and bench at the far end. Littleton DPW will be working on the ADA trail from the parking lot to the beginning of the boardwalk!

Invasive species education and management efforts have wrapped up for the season. If you're interested in learning more or helping out, please contact Amy or Tim at conservation@littletonma.org. For more information on any of the above, please contact Amy or Tim at conservation@littletonma.org.



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School Committee

Greetings from the Littleton School Committee! We are excited to share news through the month of October.

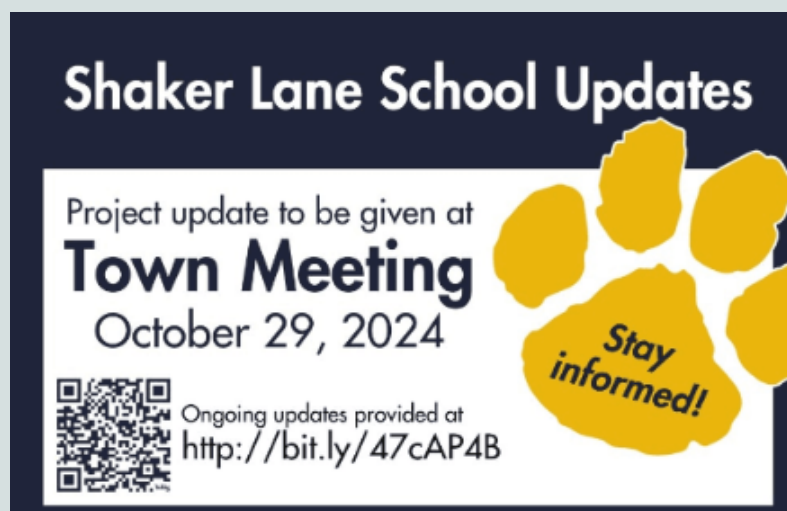
Our educational needs for our Shaker Lane School (PreK-2) have significantly changed since it was built. We are exploring the possibilities for a reimagined Shaker Lane School, designed to better align with 21st-century learning with the necessary space for our current and future programming needs. The Massachusetts School Building Authority is currently reviewing three possible scenarios for the Shaker Lane School; addition/renovation, a new building built on the lower field, or a new building built on the upper field. The Shaker Lane Building Committee (SLBC) has been actively sharing details with the public. There was a public update/listening session on October 16, a public information session on October 23, and a ten-minute presentation at Town Meeting on October 29. Town officials attended a walkthrough of the existing school on October 22, and viewed first-hand how space constraints are creating challenges for staff as they continue to put the needs of students first.

Additional site visits for the community have been scheduled:

Wednesday, November 13, 6:30 - 8:00

Tuesday, November 19, 6:30 - 8:00

Come to the Shaker Lane School to tour the site and learn more about the scope of the project and projected timelines. Any town residents seeking information and updates on the project are also encouraged to visit the Shaker Lane School Building Project website at <http://bit.ly/47cAP4B>.



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School Committee

The focus of the September 26 School Committee meeting was the essential question; ***How does the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) data inform instructional practices for 2024-2025?***

MAP growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth. Teachers use results to tailor classroom lessons and set goals for students. We reviewed data from the fall testing compared to norms and data from previous years. We were delighted to see continued growth in performance in all areas since the test was first administered in Littleton Public Schools in 2016. Unlike MCAS testing, the MAP testing provides information that can be used to inform instruction for individual students moving forward.

The focus of the October 10 School Committee meeting was the essential question, ***How do our School Improvement Plans meet each standard in the District Strategic Plan?***

Principals highlighted two top goals in their SIPs that will provide a focus for the year. The focus for students at **Shaker Lane** will be an implementation of activities that promote awareness of inclusivity involving diverse perspectives (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging). The focus for staff at both **Shaker Lane and Russell Street** will be training on the new literacy program, *Wit and Wisdom* and to deepen educators' understanding of current research on literacy instruction. **Russell Street** students will participate in community-building activities as the STRIPE initiative is revitalized. At **Littleton Middle School**, staff will strive to make connections with students to support social-emotional growth and feelings of belonging. Students will benefit from flexible intervention programs for mathematics and literacy. **Littleton High School** staff will continue to assess and communicate each learner's progress toward achieving the "Vision of a Graduate" profile, in addition to refining a multi-tiered system of support for all students.



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Kimball-Morrison Scholarship Committee

The Littleton Trust Fund Commissioners are planning to fill an open seat on the K-M Scholarship Committee. If you are interested in applying please review the information below, click on the Application link and submit your application by December 15, 2024. We will be in touch with you to set up an interview with the Trust Fund Committee. The K-M Scholarship committee members truly find this a rewarding experience to interact with so many bright young students !

Thank you,
Littleton Trust Fund Committee

About

The Scholarship Selection Committee was created by the Trust Fund Commissioners shortly after the 1996 addition of the FM Kimball II Scholarship Fund to the Trust Fund. The Committee was created per the FM Kimball II Trust as “an appropriate group within Littleton with the responsibility of selecting those who are to receive scholarships from the Fund.” With the addition of the John & Eunice Morrison Fund in 2008, the Scholarship Selection Committee is also responsible for nominating scholarship recipients for The Morrison Fund.

The Scholarship Selection Committee consists of (4) Volunteers and (1) member of the Trust Fund Commission. The Volunteers are appointed by the Trust Fund Commissioners. The Scholarship Selection Committee follows the same town policies as any other board or committee within the Town of Littleton.

Committee Member Roles and Responsibilities

Committee Members individually review and prioritize the Scholarship Applications using the following criteria;

- Academic Achievement
- Communication Skills
- Community Service
- Financial Need

Over multiple committee meetings, the Selection Committee comes to consensus on the list of finalists to be interviewed. After conducting the interviews, the Committee Members generate a recommended list of Annual Scholarship Award recipients, including the distribution of funds. This list is presented to and approved by the Littleton Trust Fund Commission.

Members need to be available for weeknight meetings from mid-March to mid-May. Approximately six meetings lasting about two hours each are used to complete the Scholarship Award process. Members also participate in a Scholarship Award ceremony held in June.

Members must have computer and internet access as the Scholarship Application review is performed using an online format.

Committee Application

[New Member Application Form](#)



Nashoba Valley Technical High School Open House

Sunday, November 3, 2024

Nashoba Valley Technical High School Open House Sunday, November 3, 2024
from 12:00PM - 3:00PM



OPEN HOUSE



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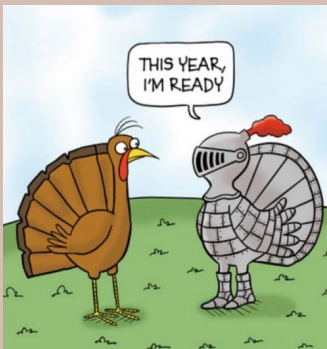
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- * The first Thanksgiving was a three-day festival in 1621 that celebrated the Pilgrims' first successful harvest. The menu included venison, which the Indians killed as gifts for the colonists.
- * Turkeys were the most plentiful meat at the time of the first Thanksgiving. Today, Americans eat about 212 million turkeys each year, and nearly 88% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving.
- * Americans eat an estimated 50 million pumpkin pies on Thanksgiving, making it more popular than turkey.
- * The annual White House tradition of pardoning a turkey began in 1989 under George H.W. Bush. The tradition is widely believed to have started when Abraham Lincoln's son asked that a turkey intended for Christmas dinner be spared.
- * In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving to the second-to-last Thursday of November to help the economy during the Great Depression.
- * Philadelphia is home to the oldest Thanksgiving parade.
- * "Jingle Bells" was originally written as a Thanksgiving Day song.
- * Minnesota produces the most turkeys in the United States, accounting for about 18% of all turkeys in the country each year.