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I wanna live in a small town!

Message From Your Select Board



We hope that everyone had a happy holiday season.

The Select Board is taking applications for a Charter Commission. This

commission will undertake a comprehensive review of our current structure and identify recommendations for improvements. The Commission will be made up of 7-9 members at large. We encourage anyone with an interest in the subject and a desire to give back to the community to submit an application. The application will be posted on the town website, and we plan to make appointments on February 4. Please keep an eye on the website for details. Please reach out to the Town Administrator or Select Board with any questions.

In December the Select Board continued negotiations on leasing the orchard. The goal is to wrap up negotiations in January. We also held public hearings on lifting the truck exclusion on Taylor Street. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to leave the exclusion in place until a more comprehensive traffic study can be completed.

In January, the Select Board and Finance Committee will be holding multiple meetings to prepare the budget for FY2026. We will also be meeting with various boards and committees to give them an opportunity to update the town on their progress and goals.

As a reminder, the Select Board holds office hours every other Friday from 1-3 in the library. Please stop in with any questions or concerns. The next office hours will be on January 3. Hope to see you there!



From the Desk of the Town Administrator



I expressed in last month's newsletter how I genuinely appreciate the residents, staff, Select Board, elected officials, volunteers, and other independent departments. It's all the people I mentioned that make Littleton an amazing and attractive community to invest in.



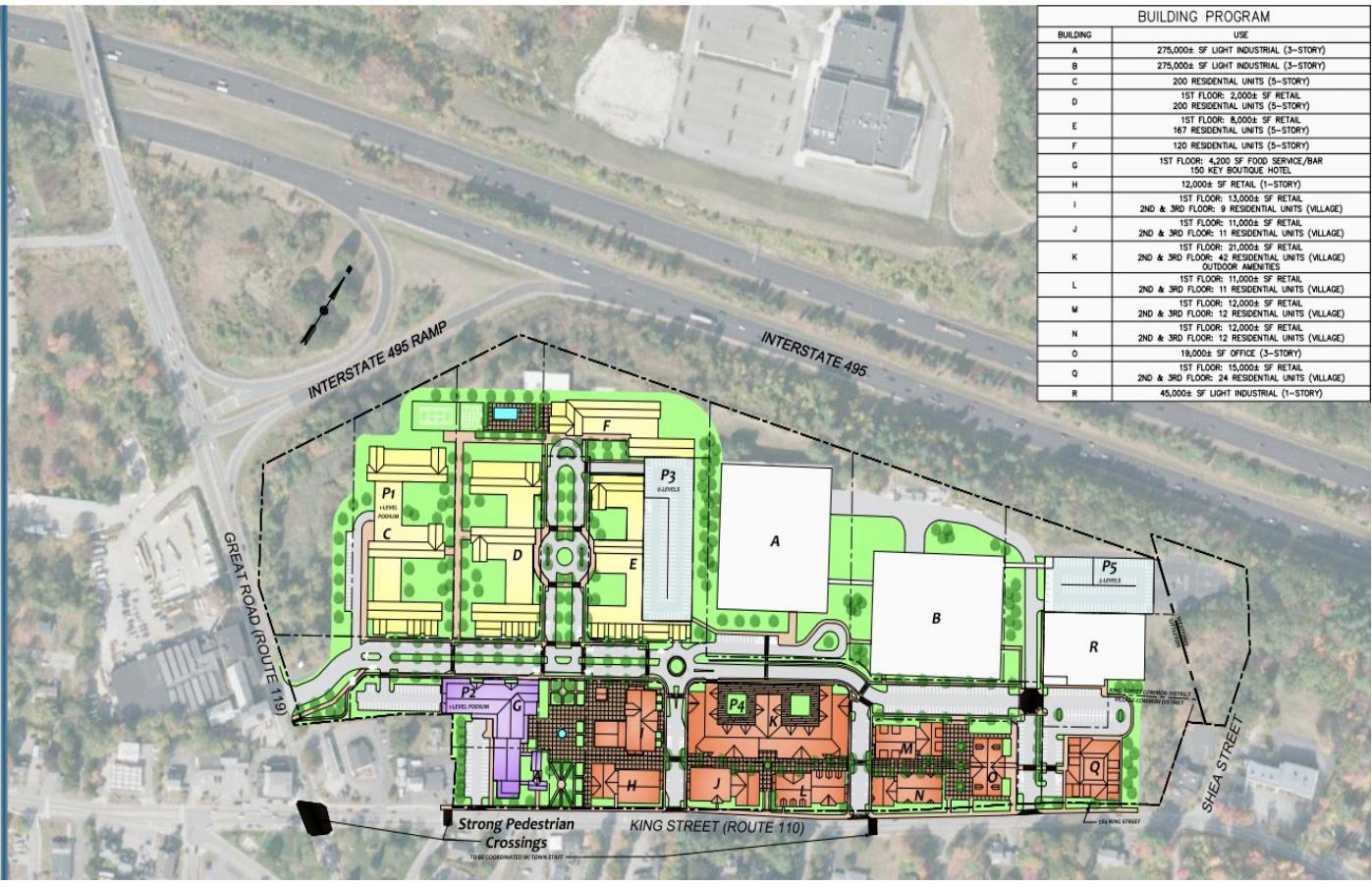
As we enter 2025, there are a lot of projects that will come to completion and some very exciting ones ahead, like 550 King Street.

The 550 King Street Crossing project is on everyone's lips under the "Gold Dome" in Boston. As you can see from the illustration, the project includes the development of a hotel (& Tuttle House), which includes up to 150 rooms + amenities, 115,000 square feet of retail uses, including restaurants, shops, and professional commercial offices for architects and engineers, dentists, lawyers, and other service providers. It also includes three buildings totaling 595,000 square feet of Light Industrial, Research and Development use and office space.

Lupoli Companies has secured permits for construction of nearly 1,100 new housing units, with 804 units located at 550 King Street and 289 units at a restored mill building at 410 Great Road. The developer recently announced a lease for 72,500 square feet of office space that will serve as the U.S headquarters for a leading global manufacturer of electronics hardware.

This month you will see the old Yangtze River restaurant will be demolished and a billboard will be erected depicting the project. In the spring construction will start on the infrastructure and Phase 1 construction will start in the fall.

From where I sit, Littleton had a very good 2024 and I'm so looking forward to the fact that 2025 is going to be even better!



Treasurer/Collector



Real Estate Tax Information

Quarter 3 tax bills will be mailed by December 31, 2024. Bills are due on February 3, 2025. Here is the link to Town of Littleton, Tax Collectors page:

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

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

Veteran's Office



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Summary of VA Benefits for Disabled Veterans
US Department of Veterans Affairs
Tax-free benefits for Veteran's with a service-connected disability

As part of our mission to serve you, VA provides disability compensation to eligible Veterans who were disabled during or because of their military service. VA also offers compensation to eligible dependents of Veterans, including a surviving spouse, child(ren), and/or parent(s).

[Click this link to view the full summary of benefits.](#)

Town Clerk



The Town Clerk's Office is happy to announce a new and improved way to license your dog(s).

Please go to the following link:

<https://littletonma.portal.opengov.com/> and click on the picture of the dogs to start your license application.

There is also a link from the Town Clerk's webpage <https://www.littletonma.org/424/Dog-Licenses>

You may pay by debit/credit/ACH or come into the office and we will assist you at the counter. Instructions will also be on the census for you to follow. Any questions, please contact the office at 978-540-2401.

Employment Opportunities - as of published date

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



[Communications Officer—Part Time](#)

[Civilian Traffic Regulator](#)

[Regional Energy Manager](#)

[*Download an Application Here*](#)



Health Department

Stay Healthy This Winter – Get Vaccinated!

The Littleton Department of Public Health encourages all residents to protect themselves and their loved ones by staying up to date on vaccinations, including flu and COVID-19. Winter months bring an increased risk of illness, as people spend more time indoors and viruses spread more easily.

Vaccines help reduce the severity of illness and protect those who are most vulnerable, like young children, older adults, and those with weakened immune systems. Be mindful of those around you—if you feel sick, stay home to prevent spreading germs.

Winter Wellness Tips from Your Public Health Department

As winter sets in, it's important to stay healthy and safe. Here are some tips to keep you and your family well this season:

- **Stay Active Indoors:** Don't let cold weather stop your exercise routine! Try home workouts, yoga, or brisk indoor walks to maintain fitness.
- **Boost Immunity:** Eat nutrient-rich foods, stay hydrated, and prioritize sleep to help ward off winter illnesses.
- **Mind Your Mental Health:** Shorter days can affect your mood. Take time for self-care, seek sunlight, and reach out for support if needed.



Building Department

Tenth Edition CMR 780

The tenth edition building code was filed with the Secretary of State on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, and became effective on October 11, 2024.

The 9th Edition of the Building Code will apply concurrently with the 10th Edition until June 30, 2025. Building permit applications for projects utilizing the 9th Edition need to be filed on or before June 30, 2025. Applications received on or after July 1, 2025, that are based on the 9th Edition will not be accepted and will not be granted a building permit. Breaking ground on a jobsite does not need to begin immediately when obtaining a permit. However, if breaking ground does not commence within 180 days of a permit being issued, the permit may expire unless extended. See 780 CMR 105.5 for more information.

As a reminder, the new, tenth edition is based on modified versions of the following 2021 Codes as published by the International Code Council (ICC).

- The International Building Code (IBC).
- International Residential Code (IRC).
- International Existing Building Code (IEBC).
- International Mechanical Code (IMC).
- International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).
- International Swimming Pool and Spa Code (ISPSC).
- Portions of the International Fire Code (IFC).

Please do not hesitate to contact the Building Commissioner with any questions at 978-540-2424.

DPW

If you have an issue with the PAYT bags, please contact WASTEZERO at 1-800-866-3954.

customerservice@wastezero.com

Please have the following information available when calling or emailing WasteZero:

Name
Home Address
Location of where bags were purchased
Size of Bag
Lot Number (this will be a large bold black number on the bag)
Issue with bag





Town of Littleton A Resident's Guide To Winter Snow Removal Operations and Procedures 2024 - 2025

Town of Littleton DPW
Hours of Operation
Monday through Thursday
Friday by Appointment Only
7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Town of Littleton Highway Department is pleased to issue the annual "A Resident's Guide to Winter Snow Removal Operations and Procedures". The intent of this pamphlet is to advise Littleton residents of the Highway Department winter snow plowing and sanding procedures and to obtain your assistance so that the town roads can be restored to normal conditions as promptly as possible after a winter storm. Your cooperation is essential if the Department is to achieve this objective. We at the Highway Department thank you for your assistance and patience.

Stephen Jahnle—DPW Director

Snow Plowing Operations

The following is a general description of Littleton's snow removal procedure. As you are aware each storm is different, but we try to follow our snow removal procedure as closely as possible.

1. Beginning of the Storm

When a snowstorm begins, the Department responds by treating all roads and municipal parking lots. Treating these roadways serves two purposes: it prevents the snow from bonding and compacting to the pavement and it keeps traffic moving. Five large and five small trucks equipped with sanders are used for this operation.

2. During the Storm

Plowing operations begin when approximately two to three inches of snow accumulate on the ground. 11 Highway vehicles and up to 12 private contractors are called in to assist with snow removal operations. Each vehicle is assigned to a pre-determined route and will remain in this pattern (repeating the route) until the storm subsides. These routes have been designed such that each piece of equipment completes one circuit of the route in 2-2 ½ hours barring equipment breakdown, heavy traffic, or unanticipated emergency elsewhere in Town. The main objective "during" the storm is to keep roadways passable. At the end of the storm, the plows begin to widen out all roads by pushing back the amassed snow beyond the edge of the road. Residents may

want to wait until the roads have been widened out before clearing the entrance of their driveways.

Please be advised that it is against Town of Littleton bylaw, chapter 150 section 8, to shovel, plow or cause snow, to be in any way, placed back onto or into any public street, public sidewalk or public place. This creates a hazard to traffic and requires our staff to return to clear it from the street.

Another area of concern is mailboxes. We do not deliberately knock over or damage mailboxes. The primary cause of mailboxes being knocked down is heavy snow that is thrown by the moving plow. On rare occasions, a mailbox is struck by a plow due to reduced visibility during a snowstorm and/or snow banks. Remember, any installation within the right-of-way (including a mailbox) is placed there at the owner's risk. Hence, residents are encouraged to place mailboxes at the maximum allowable distance from the pavement. Mailboxes should also be inspected regularly to insure that they are secure and that posts are not rotted.

3. Following the Storm

Once the snowfall has stopped and all roads are cleared of snow, post-storm treatment commences. All roads are again treated to improve traction and melt the remaining snow and ice.

Sidewalk clearing also begins at this time. Sidewalk clearing is prioritized by doing School and Business areas first, main roads second and outlying residential areas last.

WINTER PARKING BAN

Annually, on November 15th the Town's winter parking ban goes into effect and continues through April 15th. The ban is in effect from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. The parking ban will allow the Highway Department crews to plow and open roads in a more efficient and timely manner.

Illegally parked vehicles are the biggest obstacles to effectively remove snow from the roadway. Vehicles that violate the winter parking ban will be ticketed by the police. Vehicles that directly hamper snow removal efforts will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

Your cooperation with the parking ban will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions concerning the Town's snow removal practices, please call (970) 540-2670.
 We will try to assist you in any way possible.

DPW

A Resident's Guide to Winter Snow Removal Operations and Procedures 2024—2025

RESIDENTS CAN HELP

Residents can assist the Highway Department during a snowstorm by heeding these suggestions.

1. Observe all parking bans
2. Reduce your speed and drive cautiously
3. Remain off the road during snowstorms unless absolutely necessary.
4. Do not allow children to make snow forts at the edge of the road.
5. Do not plow, blow or throw snow back into the roadway. (per Town Bylaw 150, Section 8)
6. Before final cleanup of your driveway, check the road. If it does not appear to be widened out, a plow will probably return to plow again, and may push snow back into the entrance of your driveway. Doing this might keep you from clearing your driveway more than once.
7. If possible deposit snow from clearing your driveway to the "downstream" side such that the plow carries it away from your driveway. This will minimize the redeposit of cleared snow back into your driveway entrance when the Town's plow does push back the road edges.
8. Finally, please have patience. Snow plowing is a time consuming and laborious job covering approximately 66 miles of roadway and more than 11 miles of sidewalks. With the amount of equipment working, most roads get plowed simultaneously so the wait to have your road opened is minimized.

The Highway Department is devoted to providing the residents with dependable snow removal in the shortest time possible. Your cooperation will benefit all of us during a snowstorm.

STATE NUMBERED ROUTES

The major routes in Littleton (Routes 119, 2A, 110, 495 and 2) are under the jurisdiction of MassDOT, as well as Powers Road. MassDOT and not the Town of Littleton Highway Department therefore perform all snow removal for these roads. Any questions or concerns regarding these roads should be directed to the MassDOT District 3 Office at (857)-368-3000.

AVAILABILITY OF SAND

Residents can pick up free sand mix at the Operations Center, Monday thru Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m..

5-gallon pail maximum.



Project Updates

The Center on Shattuck Street — November 2024 Update



During the month of November, Commodore made further progress on the roof, installing the remaining SIPS panels, membrane, and beginning installation on the shingles. The roofing subcontractor also performed an in-place mockup of the new gutters and downspout conditions, which were approved and installed following the approval of the design team. These were in-progress at the conclusion of this reporting period. The main entrance canopy was also framed and roofed, with further progress on the overall roofing effort.

fort hindered by inclement weather. Drywall and MEP installation continued throughout the building interior, followed by priming and painting behind completed drywall installation. At the building exterior, Z-channels, insulation, and siding were installed at all sides of the building. Following the approval of an in-place mockup for the concrete detailing, sidewalks and equipment pads were poured on the North and East sides of the building. It is anticipated that the remaining site concrete work will be completed in the spring alongside remaining asphalt paving and landscape plantings to ensure suitable conditions for placement.

By the end of the month, exterior doors were installed with the exception of a temporary door containing a penetration for the duct providing temporary heat from the exterior furnace. At the lower level, Acoustical Ceilings were started and by the end of the month significant progress was made on the grid installation. Additionally, Elevator work was started in early November and was well underway by month-end; it is anticipated that this will be completed during the next reporting period (December). Commodore received AHJ review of the new electrical service, and permanent power was brought online just before the Thanksgiving recess. Electrical progress during the past month included wiring for the solar inverters, lighting, and Mechanical Fan Coil Units. Mechanical progress included the installation of the Kitchen Hood and associated ductwork, which was completed with the exception of a reducer required to make the final connections. General Mechanical also installed the condensers at the North side of the building and at month end were working on getting these wired and installing grilles/diffusers in various spaces throughout the building, including the Multipurpose Room.

In coordination with LELWD and the plumbing engineer, the correct Water Meter was installed, and the backflow prevention was inspected and approved. The permanent water service is now live at the building and awaits Plumbing startups, anticipated to occur next month as part of the Commissioning process.

On the administrative side, FF&E amounts were approved by the PMBC at their meeting on 11/13/24. At the conclusion of this reporting period, a final revision from WB Mason was all that was needed to place the order. AV and Technology items are in final coordination with the Town / COA / LCTV and expect to be completed next month.



Project Updates

36 King Street—November 2024 Update



ups rounded out Classic's work on the building exterior.

During the month of November, Classic Construction performed additional exterior work on the building, including exploratory work to uncover/correct a belly in the sewer pipe where it exits the building and enters the Distribution Box. Classic also had their site contractor install drywells to assist in stormwater management and address minor leaks in the old stone foundation, with finish grading directing surface water away from the building. Finish trim and painting touch-

Following the successful installation of the skylights/SolaTubes, Classic began restoring the interior finish around these openings at the upstairs offices. Classic's carpenters continued framing new interior walls and Lower Level cubbies, built-in shelving, and soffits, and also completed framing and concrete leveling work at the Game Room. Plumbing modifications in the lower level included the relocation of a Water line and other existing sanitary plumbing to within ceiling soffit framing, where it will be concealed in the finish condition. The HVAC contractors had a crane on site as planned, to remove the disconnected Magic-Pak units from the Attic and replace them with the new units, which were installed into the existing openings.

Classic's carpenters modified the interior platforms for these units to sit on in support of this effort. Electrical work remains ongoing throughout the building, with further progress on hold while awaiting clarifications related to CPR-014R1 revisions by the design team and sketches describing the power requirements for the new HVAC units. It is anticipated that significant Electrical scope, as well as other in-wall work and the finish work to then close walls, will be authorized within the next reporting period (December 2024). 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 process changes based on what is/has been uncovered or requested by the Town, reviewing Submittals and RFI's. Town Facilities confirms that the exterior lights are now operational. The original metal halide bulbs these fixtures use have been discontinued, and further replacements will occur as a maintenance item once the building is occupied, to include possible LED fixture conversions.

As of the close of this November reporting period, the project continues to show schedule slippage, as Change Order work that is pending authorization is impacting the Critical Path (these are a mix of Owner-directed scope changes and unforeseen conditions items). With allowances for time associated with Change Order work, the project is tracking approximately 2 months behind the original Substantial Completion date. Vertex will continue to monitor schedule status as updates become available.

Parks, Recreation & Community Education



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

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



Littleton Parks & Recreation in partnership with Special Olympics Massachusetts will be offering a 6 week inclusive candlepin bowling program at Acton Bowl-a-drome.

Our program is for anyone in Grades K - 8 with intellectual and/or emotional disabilities. We also are recruiting Player/Partners: individuals who do not have an intellectual disability to team up and bowl with the athletes.

Player/Partners - are for community members that do not require or have any intellectual disability that would like to participate in the program.

All our welcome! Please contact Littleton PRCE if you are outside of the age group and would like to participate.

Parents of unified athletes will need to complete the customizable form

All participants are required to complete Camp docs to participate (Will be emailed to you separately after registration). All participants will need to be brought to the location of the program and picked up from the program.

Schedule:

Thursdays January 23rd- March 3rd (No program on Feb 20)
 Grades K-4 Time: 4pm-5pm
 Grades 4-8 Time: 5pm-6pm
 Location: Acton Bowl-a-Drome

COST: FREE

Register Here: https://littletonma.myrec.com/.../program_details.aspx...

FREE!

UNIFIED CANDLEPIN BOWLING

Littleton Parks & Recreation, in partnership with Special Olympics Massachusetts, is excited to offer a 6-week inclusive Candlepin Bowling Program at Acton Bowl-a-Drome. Open to students in Grades K-8 with intellectual and/or emotional disabilities, we're also recruiting Player Partners to team up and bowl alongside our athletes. Join us for fun, friendship, and inclusion!

THURSDAYS

- ATHLETES IN GRADES K-4 4PM-5PM
- ATHLETES IN GRADES 4-8 5PM-6PM
- JANUARY 23RD- MARCH 6TH (NO PROGRAM ON FEB 20)
- Acton Bowl-a-Drome

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Special Olympics Massachusetts

Library



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

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January News & Events from the Reuben Hoar Library

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

Adult Programming



Wire Tree Art Class with Ryan Kelley

- Saturday, January 18th at 2pm in the Sturtz Meeting Room

Join artist Ryan Kelley as he teaches you how to make wire tree art. Space is limited, please register online.

Author Talk with John Olszewski

- Wednesday, January 15th at 6:00 pm in the Sturtz Room

Join us to hear author John Olszewski, author of *The Long Dark Walk* and *Serial Shorts*, read sections from his books and discuss how he started corresponding with and writing about serial killers.



Menopause 101

- Thursday, January 23rd at 6:30pm in the Murray Room

Join Laura Brown, WHNP-BC, MSCP, Coach and Founder/CEO of Sapphire Women's Healthcare for an evening of learning! She will be discussing signs and symptoms of perimenopause and menopause, treatment options, and optimizing not just lifespan but also health span!

College Assistance +

- Wednesday, January 29th at 6:30pm

This seminar focuses on taking a strategic approach to the college application process—particularly for high school students aiming to maximize scholarships, grants, and financial aid. Valuable insights on how to leverage extracurricular activities, academic achievements, and strong recommendation letters to help students stand out in today's competitive college admissions landscape.

Adult Board Game Night

- Thursday, January 30th at 6:00pm in the Murray Room

Join us for a fun board game night for adults only. We have plenty of games available or bring your own!

Library



Book Clubs & Writing Clubs:

Monday Morning Writing Club – Mondays at 6:00 am

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

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

Teen Room

Teen LoFi Study Lounge

-Wednesdays at 2:30pm in the Murray Room

Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

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

Teen & YA Board Game Cafe

-Saturday, January 18th at 12:30pm in the Murray Room



Board Game Cafe
Saturday, November 23rd
12:30-3:30pm in the Teen Room

Children's Room

Toddler Storytime

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

Littles and Letters Alphabet Story Time...

-Wednesdays at 11am in the Sturtz Meeting Room

PJ Story Time with SLS Teacher Heidi MacGregor

-Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30pm in the Children's Room

Busy Bees Play Time

-Monday, January 13th at 10am in the Sturtz Meeting Room

Lego Club for ages 6 and up

-Wednesday, January 8th at 2pm in the Sturtz Room

Saturday Toddler Story Time

-Saturday, January 11th at 10:30am in the Sturtz Meeting Room



Library



New Databases are now available at the library!

Visit www.littletonlibrary.org to learn more or
to access for free with your library card.



Educate Station: Monthly learning plans and worksheets for pre-K through 5th Grade. Provides easy-to-use, comprehensive learning plans with a robust range of extension activities across a wide range of subject areas and grade levels. Great for parents who home-school their children!



fold3: Features premiere collections of original military records. These records include the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served in the military.



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Elder & Human Services



Coffee Hour and Information Session with Littleton Public Schools

Come join LPS staff for coffee, donuts, and more refreshments while learning about the Shaker Lane Building Project. Littleton Public Schools is hosting an information session about the Shaker Lane Building Project on Wednesday, January 8th from 9:30-10:30 am. This session is open to all, no advanced sign ups are required. Coffee, donuts and other refreshments will be available for you to enjoy! Please come to learn more and ask questions. This event will take place in the Senior Diner. For questions about this Coffee Hour and Information Session with Littleton Public Schools, please reach out to Dorothy Mulone at dmulone@littletonps.org or Joyce Hekkala at jhekkala@littletonps.org, or by phone 978-540-2500.

LITTLETON
**COMMUNITY
SHRED DAY**
**SATURDAY FEB. 1ST, 9AM-1PM,
TOWN HALL PARKING LOT**

SECURE SENSITIVE DOCUMENT SHREDDING SHREDDING GUIDELINES:

- BRING UP TO 6 PAPER BAGS OF MATERIAL PER PERSON
- ENSURE MATERIALS TO BE SHREDDED ARE PAPER DOCUMENTS ONLY.



THIS EVENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE LITTLETON POLICE DEPARTMENT
AND THE TOWN OF LITTLETON ELDER AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Elder & Human Services



Identity Theft Awareness Week 2025

The Town of Littleton is hosting a Community Shred-It Event to help residents protect themselves against identity theft. Join us on Saturday, February 1st, from 9:00am to 1:00 pm for an exciting and secure opportunity to shred your sensitive documents at no cost!

The Iron Mountain mobile shred truck will be available on-site, ready to securely shred your paper documents. This event is open to the community.

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to declutter your old and sensitive paperwork while ensuring your data remains safe and secure. Feel free to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to participate in this community-oriented event!

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, February 1st

Time: 9:00am to 1:00 pm

Location: 33 Shattuck Street, Littleton, MA 01460 (Rear Parking Lot)

Shredding Guidelines:

- Bring up to 6 paper bags of material per person for shredding.
- Please ensure that the materials to be shredded are paper documents only.
- Suggestions for shredding:

Tax returns

Bank statements

Credit Card statements

Paystubs

Medical records

This event is brought to you by the Littleton Police Department and the Town of Littleton Elder and Human Services Department



Police Dept



November 2024

Calls	1714
911	234
Arrests	12
Incidents	64
Citations	93
Crashes	13

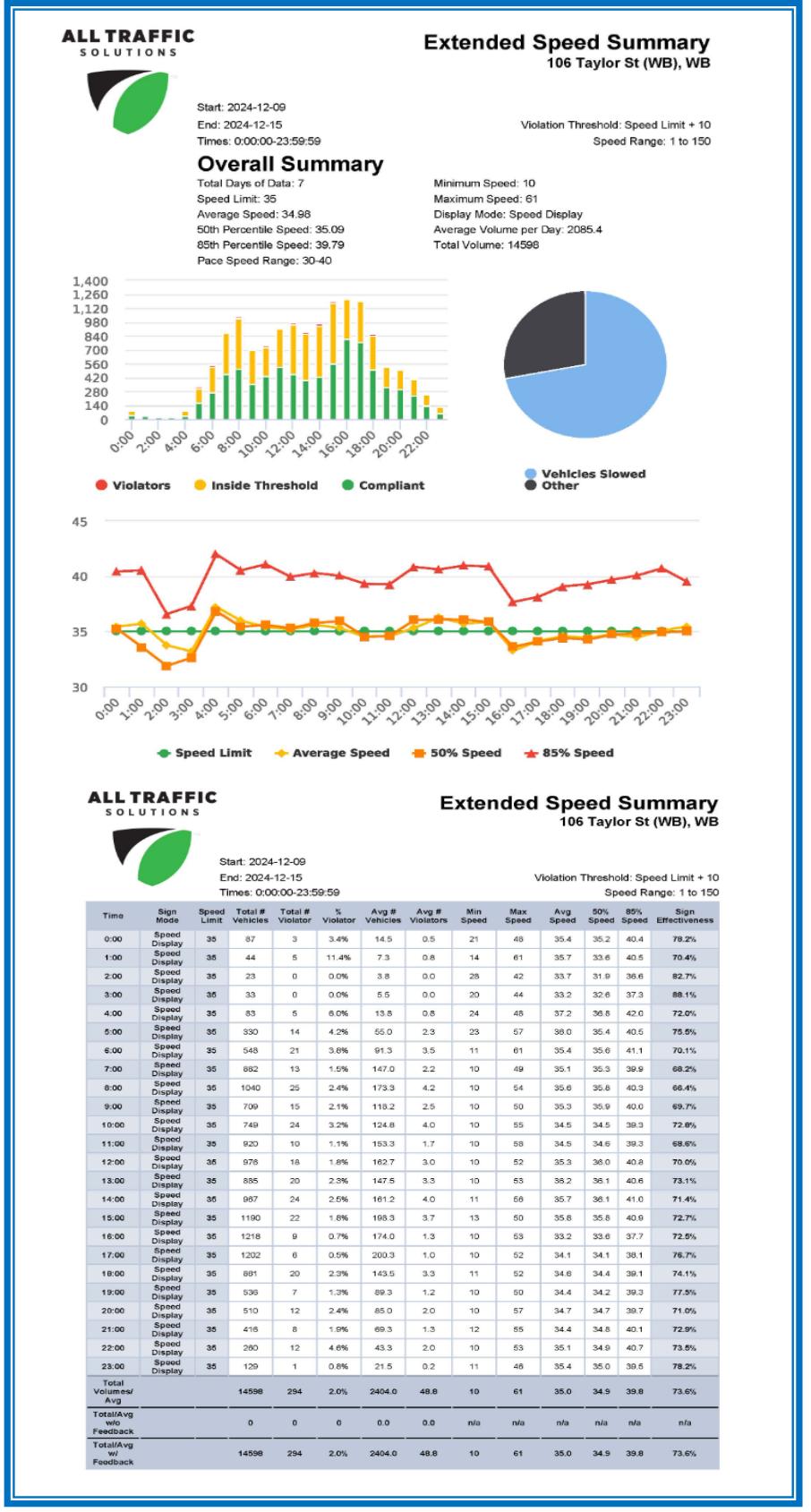


Officer Morine and Officer Zaferacopoulos proudly participated in the Shop-with-a-Cop event at Walmart in Framingham. This community initiative pairs first responders with local families to shop for toys and essential items for the holiday season.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of donors, over 550 children were assisted during this event! Great job by [Framingham Police Department](#) /union for organizing this event.

Here is a video from CBS coverage of the event

<https://www.cbsnews.com/.../hundreds-of-kids-shop-with-a.../>





Fire Dept



Littleton Firefighters Relief Association

Annual Christmas Tree Pickup

Don't let your tree be a post-holiday hassle! The Littleton Firefighters Relief Association will be picking up Christmas trees on Sunday, January 5th.

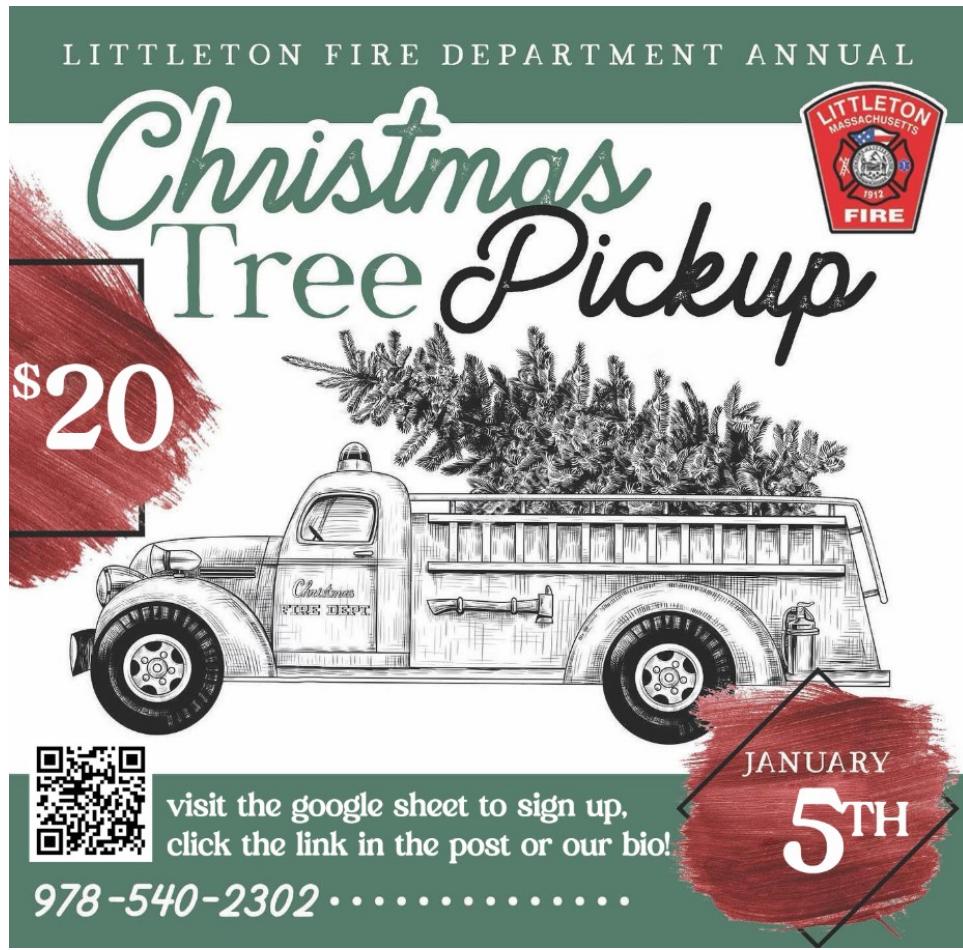
When: Sunday January 5, 2025

Where: Your Curbside!

How to Sign Up:

Scan the QR Code on the flyer to access the signup sheet, or click the link below to sign up:
<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeAKMYilXg.../viewform...>

Thank you for supporting your local firefighters!



Staff Engagement Committee



***The Staff Engagement Committee hosted the Annual Employee Luncheon!
Thanks to everyone who joined us for Lunch, Basket Raffle,
Desert Contest and Holiday Music!***





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October 2024 Calendar of Meetings & Events

Check website for updates, additions & cancellations

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

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Town Hall Closed	2 Sustainability Committee Meeting	3 Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member	4
5 Littleton Firefighters Relief Association Annual Christmas Tree Pickup	6 LCTV Advisory Committee Meeting - January 6, 2025 @ 7:00 PM - Room 235 (Town Hall)	7 Housing Authority Board Meeting - January 7th, 2025 @ 5:00 PM - Housing Authority: 19 Shattuck Street	8 Board of Health Meeting Coffee Hour / Information session w/Littleton Public Schools New Year Celebration! The Golden Age of Crooners with Frank King Hager Homestead meeting	9 Library Trustees Meeting Planning Board Meeting - January 9th, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall) Littleton School Committee Meeting - LCTV Room	10	11 
12	13 Council on Aging Board Meeting	14 Nashoba Valley Mineralogical Society (NVMS) Park and Recreation Commission Meeting	15	16	17 Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member - Mark Rambacher	18
19	20 Town Hall Closed	21 Lunch & Learn - "Peace of Mind" hosted by Badger Funeral Home	22 Board of Health Meeting	23 Littleton School Committee Meeting - LCTV Room	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Littleton Lyceum presents Alex the Jester Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member - Karen Morrison	

Current Board Vacancies (Appointed by the Select Board)

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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

* **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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

* **CULTURAL COUNCIL**

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

* **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

* **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 Commission

THANK YOU! The Littleton Conservation Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank the Littleton Conservation Trust, Land Stewards, Trail Crew, Weed Warriors and others who help maintain and improve our Conservation lands for all to enjoy. The amount of work the volunteers do is staggering! Everything from clearing fallen trees, creating new trails, building boardwalks, installing kiosks, making new trail maps, attacking non-native invasive plants and much more is accomplished by these dedicated folks.



Weed Warriors learning about invasive species and their management before heading out to pull burning bush.



Trail Crew and Land Stewards building boardwalk in Town Forest/Balsam Trail



Jefferson/Blue-spotted salamander on Fort Pond Road



Spotted salamander on Oak Hill Road

AMPHIBIAN CROSSING BRIGADE – Depending on the weather, this may be starting up again in February, so if you are interested in getting on the contact list, let us know! The Brigade includes over 100 volunteers who come out on rainy, often cold, nights to help the frogs and salamanders cross the roads safely. The Brigade has expanded to include Acton, Boxborough and hopefully soon Groton. Close to 1,000 animals were safely escorted across the roads last year.

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

School Committee



Happy new year from the Littleton School Committee! We are pleased to share some news about our school district through the month of December.



From left, Student Trainers and LHS juniors Kierob Cherubino and Haaris Khan, LMS Math Teacher Amy Manheimer, LMS Assistant Principal Matt LeVangie, and Director of Student Services Lyn Snow.



Haaris Khan speaks at the Playbook Initiative Immersion Summit on Nov. 21.

We are excited to announce that Littleton Public Schools have once again been chosen to participate in the Playbook Initiative, which is a partnership among Project 351, the Boston Celtics, and the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents. It is an anti-discrimination and bias-prevention program led by student trainers in school districts across the state. On November 21, LHS juniors Haaris Khan and Kierob Cherubino represented Littleton at the Playbook Initiative Immersion Summit where they were trained with new knowledge and practices to support student influencers at Littleton Middle School. This is a powerful initiative for our district, and the school committee was pleased to hear students report about their work last year at one of our meetings. We look forward to hearing from them again!

There are many other exciting academic initiatives happening in our schools, and this month we would like to focus on experiential learning in science and engineering. Third graders have been studying survival traits in living organisms by examining live crayfish structures and behaviors. They made some interesting observations about how crayfish vie for territory in their habitat. Sixth graders in December solved the engineering problem, "How do we create a cargo ship capable of floating with at least fifty "cargo container" marbles?". Students used their scientific knowledge and creativity to plan, build, test, and improve design solutions to this problem according to specific criteria and constraints. The winning team floated with 330 marbles! Eighth grade students also practiced their engineering skills by designing Homes of the Future, with the option to create 3D models over the holiday break. Many thanks to our teachers for providing these opportunities for students to use critical thinking skills in hands-on experiences.

We have written several times about plans to build a new Shaker Lane School, and encourage all residents to visit the Shaker Lane School Building Project website at <http://bit.ly/47cAP4B>. This time, we have a heartwarming video from the students themselves that shows why they love coming to the Shaker Lane School. It is called "[Our Presence is Paw-erful](#)" and it perfectly encapsulates what makes that school community so special. Enjoy!

Boards &



Middle School Drama Club

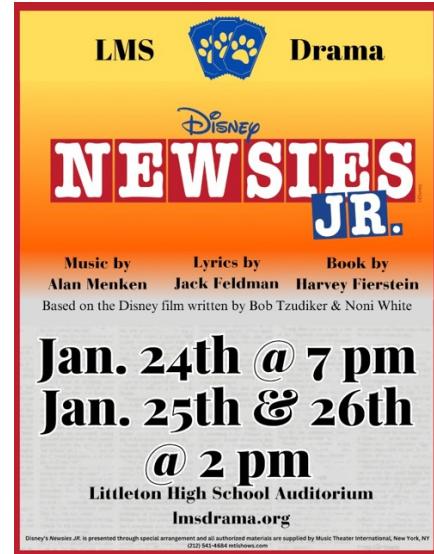
Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

Littleton Middle School Drama presents their musical production of *Newsies Jr.*

Show dates are January 24th @ 7pm, January 25th @ 2pm, and January 26th @ 2pm.

Performances held at Littleton High School Auditorium.

Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door or online at lmsdrama.org.



Littleton Lyceum



The Littleton Lyceum will present **Alex the Jester** on Friday, January 31, 2025 at 7:30 pm in

Littleton High School's Performing Arts Center at 56 King St.

Alex will bring his visual humor, sight gags, and light-hearted music to the Lyceum's stage.

Children and the young-at-heart will love the gibberish-speaking impish rascal.

Season tickets are available for individuals or families for \$40. And single tickets may be purchased at the door for \$12, \$5.00 for seniors and students.

For more information, check out our website at: littletonlyceum.org or follow us on [Facebook](#).

Nashoba Valley Technical High School



Overview of Technical Programs

Nashoba Valley Technical High School provides technical training for young men and women who desire skills required for successful employment with a curriculum that combines safety, theory and practical application in a state of the art facility.

All technical programs align with the Career and Technical Education Frameworks and are structured so that students acquire knowledge and skills in occupational safety and health, program specific technical standards, embedded academics, employability, management and entrepreneurship, and technology.

Arts Cluster	Health Services and Animal Science Cluster
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and Visual Communications • Television and Media Broadcasting/Theatre Arts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental Assisting • Health Assisting • Veterinary Assisting
Construction and Agriculture Cluster	Hospitality, Tourism, Business, and Sales Cluster
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carpentry and Cabinetmaking • Electrical Technology • Plumbing and Heating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cosmetology • Culinary Arts • Hospitality Management • Marketing
Engineering and Manufacturing Cluster	Information Technology Services Cluster
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Manufacturing • Biotechnology • Engineering Technology • Robotics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programming and Web Development
Education Cluster	Transportation Technology
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Education and Care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automotive Collision Repair and Refinishing • Automotive Technology

Career Explorations

Students entering Nashoba Valley Technical High School may or may not have an idea of the technical program in which they wish to be enrolled. We believe the value of exploration and decision-making is, in itself, a learning experience for all incoming students. Therefore, each freshman is scheduled into a 1-day mini exploratory of all technical programs. This mini-exploratory period enables students to experience the realistic and hands-on applications of each program and get a glimpse of career opportunities found in each profession.

When the mini-exploratory concludes, students will select three programs they wish to explore for a 1-week period of time. The district selects an additional three programs for each student, one that is deemed “non-traditional” to their gender. The combination of all one-week exploratories comprise the Career Exploration course. It will be January when this course ends and students will, at last, choose a technical major. Placement into a “career-path” is based upon the total experience, as well as assessment in career adeptness, aptitude, interest surveys and discussions with parents.

Upperclassmen and late-arriving freshmen, wishing to enroll, also participate in a shortened version of the exploratory program. At least six programs will be explored before making a career-path choice.

One-Credit Technical Early College Courses

Beginning in fall 2018, Nashoba Valley Technical High School students will earn college credits from Middlesex Community College by participating in three required technical courses: Career Exploration, First-Year Experience, and Service Learning.

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Snowman Facts!



Michelangelo Made One—One fascinating snowman fact is according to Mental Floss, Michelangelo made a snowman. This was when 20 year old Michelangelo worked for the Florence ruler and politician Piero de' Medici. After a heavy snowfall, Medici ordered the Michelangelo to create a snowman in the courtyard of his palace. There are no descriptions or images of the Frosty Michelangelo created but reportedly eyewitnesses said it was very beautiful. Can you imagine how amazing that snowman probably was?

Building One Can Be Quite A Workout—Playing with snow can keep you trim. According to *The History of the Snowman*, laboring for an hour to build a snowman burns approximately 238 calories. That's more than dancing and not far from what you'd burn going for a bike ride.

Japan Is Highly Efficient In Snowman Production—Chasing a world record, residents of Sapporo, Japan made 12,379 snowmen in 2003—so many that they actually outnumbered the humans in the town. At night, the candles placed in the bellies of the frosty occupants dazzled tourists. The town holds a festival every February.

The Swiss Prefer To Blow Them Up—Zurich, Switzerland ushers in the arrival of a spring with an annual display of snowman pyrotechnics. Their Sechseläuten festival climaxes with the Burning of the Böögg—the “Böögg” being a giant snowman effigy made of wood and stuffed with fireworks. Once he's ignited, the townspeople wait to see how long it takes for his head to explode. The shorter the time, the nicer the coming warm weather is expected to be.

There May Be Ideal Conditions For Building One—According to the engineering journal *Industrial Engineer*, a “perfect” snowman is best attempted when snow is around 30 degrees to provide for ideal moisture content. Proportion is crucial as well: A three-story snowman should consist of spheres ascending from 3 feet in diameter on the bottom to 1 foot on top; 2 inches of snow on the ground is best, since that will be your building material resource.

The Worlds Tallest Snow People—Bethel, Maine was the home of the World's Tallest Snowman in 1999 and believe it or not, in they beat their own record! In 2008 they built the World's Tallest Snowwoman! How do you even dress up a snowperson that big? Let me tell you what they did. The Snowman, Angus, King of the Mountain was about 10 stories tall. Olympia, the Snowwoman was about 11 stories tall! Their mouths were car tires, buttons were skidder tires, their arms were 25' spruce trees, and their hats were 16' and 20' diameter fabric made by middle school students. Olympia's eyelashes were alpine skis and they say were to die for!

