

Town of Littleton

Newsletter



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The Town of Littleton is planning to build a new Shaker Lane School. We would like to encourage all residents to visit the [Shaker Lane School Building Project website](#) for continuous updates.

Town Directory

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Town Clerk—[978-540-2401](#)

Accounting—[978-540-2440](#)

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Building—[978-540-2420](#)

Cemetery—[978-540-2480](#)

Conservation—[978-540-2428](#)

Elder & Humans Servs—[978-540-2470](#)

Fire Station—[978-540-2302](#)

Health—[978-540-2421](#)

Highway—[978-540-2670](#)

Human Resources—[978-540-2455](#)

LCTV—[978-540-2488](#)

Library—[978-540-2600](#)

Parks & Rec—[978-540-2490](#)

Planning—[978-540-2425](#)

Police—[978-540-2300](#)

Tax Collector—[978-540-2405](#)

Town Administrator—[978-540-2460](#)

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Message From Your Select Board

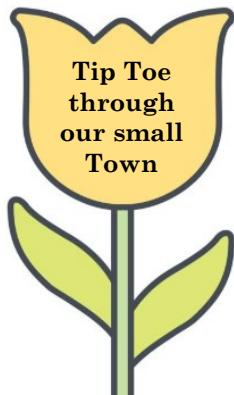


March was a busy month for the Select Board. We met with our local legislatures, Senator Eldridge and Representative Arciero, to discuss the legislative priorities and what to expect in the upcoming year. Fiscally, the state is in good shape, though there is concern that things in Washington could change that. We discussed the need for additional support from the state to support the current and future needs of Littleton, such as expanded sewer capacity.

The warrant for the May 6 Town Meeting is set. Thanks to the hard work of the finance team, the Select Board and Finance Committee were presented with a balanced budget. The balanced budget is particularly noteworthy given the number of towns all across the state that are confronting budget deficits and voting on overrides. In addition to the regular slate of budgetary and fiduciary articles, there are two articles to declare the existing Town Hall facility surplus for affordable housing – there will be a public forum on April 9 to share more information about this project. Additionally, there are articles to transfer some of the orchard land to the Conservation Commission from the Planning Board to restrict the number of marijuana cultivation facilities to zero. Immediately prior to Town Meeting, there will also be a presentation from the School Committee on the Shaker Lane Building project, so please plan to arrive early that evening for more details on that project. Stay tuned to this newsletter, the town podcasts, and town web site for updates!

The Select Board has successfully negotiated and signed a lease with the Bransfield Tree Company for management of the Town Orchard. The 20-year lease allows the use of the upper barn and the APR land. The Select Board will be hiring a consultant to monitor the state of the orchard and its management plan. There will be another meeting facilitated by MAPC on the future of the orchard on April 14 at 6:30 PM in the Sturtz Room of the Reuben Hoar Library.

Starting in April, most of our Select Board meetings will be held in Room 103 in Town Hall (instead of in the library). We thank the library for allowing us the use of their space and look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.



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From the Desk of the Town Administrator



The 2025 Annual Town Meeting will ask residents to support a plan to address two of Littleton's long-standing priorities: a permanent home for the Town Offices and housing that is truly affordable for seniors on fixed incomes. Article 12 is a petition the Select Board, acting on advice from Town Counsel, hopes to submit to the state legislature. It seeks approval to sell 37 Shattuck Street – the property currently used for Town Hall – through a fair and open bid process that would give the Town more control than what is normally available under the state's standard procurement laws. The petition needs Town Meeting support before it can be submitted to our legislative delegation.



The reuse plan for the 37 Shattuck Street site is 40-60 "deeply affordable" senior apartments, meaning units with rents low enough that seniors with limited incomes can afford them. As most Littleton residents know, what the state considers "affordable" is not affordable to our seniors. Creating quality housing with deeply affordable rents requires developers to compete for state and federal housing subsidies that are strictly regulated and hard to obtain. Since the developer of 550 King Street must provide affordable housing under the master plan special permit approved by the Planning Board, we expect that he will be involved with producing the senior housing at 37 Shattuck Street. However, he must find a non-profit partner with years of successful experience working with complex affordable housing programs. Finding the right non-profit partner, designing the construction plans for 37 Shattuck Street, obtaining all the permits and approvals required to build the units, and competing for the subsidies needed to build and operate the development will take time. We estimate that it could take as long as four years. However, none of those steps can begin without the likelihood of an eventual land disposition agreement between the Town and the developer. Article 13 authorizes the surplus of town hall and gives the Select Board the tools it needs to begin working toward a development plan for 37 Shattuck Street.

At the same time, we must begin to explore options to find a new home for the Town Offices. We know from past studies of Town Hall that it will be prohibitively expensive to renovate the building, which is why we have gradually moved other uses to new locations, like the library, the school administration, parks and recreation, and the senior center. Of course, the Town Offices will stay at 37 Shattuck Street until we have a viable plan to relocate. Much like the advance planning needed to build deeply affordable senior rental housing, we need time to find the right site for the lowest possible cost and that, too, will take a few years. The Select Board will look town-wide for the best site and the best deal. Through careful coordination and advance planning today, we have a chance to put two important community needs – deeply affordable senior rental housing and a new Town Hall on parallel tracks. We know it will be a "win-win" for everyone.



Charter Committee Update

The nine-member Charter Committee has begun meeting regularly to assess the current structure of our town's government. This review includes examining relevant state laws, town bylaws, and past town meeting votes to evaluate how well the existing structure functions. The committee will also explore potential modifications to improve the government's ability to meet the present and future needs of residents and respond effectively to ongoing challenges.

Areas for discussion include, but not limited to:

- Shifting from a Town Administrator to a Town Manager form of leadership
- Type of town meeting – open or representative
- Selection of town board and committee members – which elected; which appointed; and by whom.
- Consideration of dissolving, or restructuring, boards/committees/commissions.
- Selection of town hall personnel - which elected; which appointed; and by whom.
- Size of boards and committees, length and staggering of terms, which positions cannot be held by same person.
- Division of authorities between Town Manager/Town Administrator and Select Board
- Budgeting and finance processes.
- Consideration of new provisions, such as for referendums, recalls and periodic reviews of government structure.
- What structures should be in Charter (requires legislature to change) versus in bylaws (no legislature involvement).

The following page shows the review schedule of the Charter Committee.



Charter Committee Update

Below is the review schedule of the Charter Committee:

Year / Month	Activity
2025 March-April	Legislative Branch
2025 May	Select Board
2025 June-July	Town Administrator/Manager
2025 August-September	Finance Committee
2025 September	School Committee
2025 September	Other Elected Officers
2025 September	PUBLIC HEARING
2025 October	Town Elections
2025 October	Resident Participation
2025 November	Financial Procedures
2025 December	Administrative Organization
2026 January	General Provisions; Incorporation, Short Title, Powers
2026 February	Transition Provisions
2026 March	PUBLIC HEARING
2026 March-April	Finalize Charter Report
2026 April-May	Legal Review/Submission to Town Meeting

The Charter Committee welcomes any questions, concerns, or recommendations. Please email the Committee at chartercommittee@littletonma.org



Select Board Honors Ralf Bissdorf



On February 24th the Select Board honored Littleton resident and Olympic medalist Ralf Bissdorf. Ralf's many accomplishments include his participation in the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris as national coach of the gold medal winning Women's Fencing Team. Ralf himself is an Olympic silver medalist in the individual foil event at the 2000 Summer Olympics. An accomplished coach and mentor, Ralf has helped many young men and

women gain strength, resolve and the discipline required to excel in fencing. In addition to the Select Board, Ralf was accompanied by his wife, Joan and his father Rolf who was visiting from Germany.



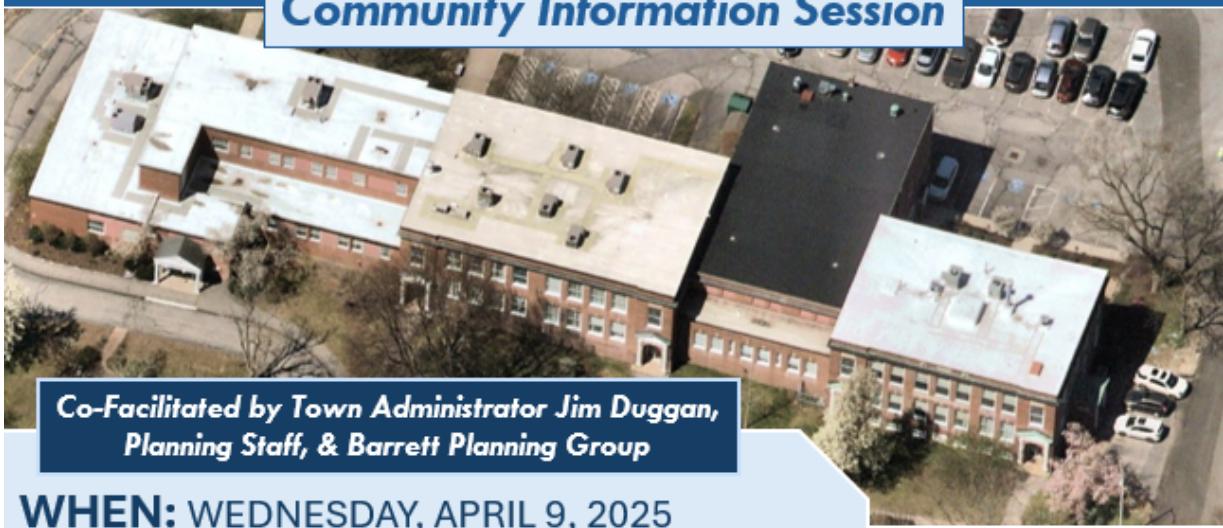
Littleton Common Sewer Expansion Paving Schedule

Great Road	End of Stevens Street to Great Road from Stevens to Robinson Road	04/15/25—04/21/25
King Street	Village Lane to Patridge Lane	05/29/25—06/09/25
	High School to Russel Street	06/09/25—06/16/25
	Shattuck Street to Great Road	06/16/25—06/18/25
Stevens Street	King Street to Great Road	09/15/25—09/17/25
Great Road	King Street 10 #220 Great Road	09/17/25—09/22/25



FUTURE OF LITTLETON TOWN OFFICES & AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Community Information Session



**Co-Facilitated by Town Administrator Jim Duggan,
Planning Staff, & Barrett Planning Group**

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

7:00 – 9:00 PM

WHERE: MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
LITTLETON TOWN OFFICES
37 SHATTUCK STREET

JOIN US!

AGENDA:

- Welcome
- Review History
- Current Status
- Discuss Process
- Q & A

Town Meeting Articles 12 & 13

Article 12: Authorize Special Legislation to surplus Town Hall for Deeply Affordable Senior Housing and Pursue the Purchase of a New Town Hall.

Article 13: Authorize the Surplus of Littleton Town Hall to Allow for the Development of Deeply Affordable Senior Housing at 37 Shattuck Street.



Please join us for the Public Workshop on April 9th!

If you have questions or comments, please reach out to the Town Administrator's Office

lmontgomery@littletonma.org / jduggan@littletonma.org



LITTLETON PATRIOTS DAY CELEBRATION!



April 19th, 2025

Liberty Square 10am

Fay Park 11am-3pm, Food and Games!

info at **littleton250th.com**

Brought to you by the Littleton Historical Commission and the
Littleton Historical Society

In recognition of the milestone 250th anniversary, we are enhancing this event by moving it earlier in the day, starting mid-morning, followed by a town-wide community celebration at Fay Park.

Please use this link to our webpage with all the fun details!

Employment Opportunities - as of published date

Please visit the Human Resources Page for updates



Assistant Conservation Agent

EHS Van Driver

Seasonal Laborer

*Download an
Application Here*



Town Clerk



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



Town Clerk
Dog License (1-3 dogs) , Dog License Kennel (4-10 Dogs)

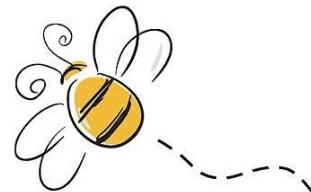
Please go to the following link: <https://littletonma.portal.opengov.com/> and click on the picture of the dogs to start your license application.

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.

As well, we would like to let you know if you have hit a certain milestone of 70 or older, we want to celebrate you and offer a dog license for free.



Health Department



Celebrate National Walking Day on April 2nd!

Did you know that 1 in 4 adults in the U.S. spend more than eight hours a day sitting? According to the CDC, a sedentary lifestyle can negatively impact both physical and mental health. Walking is one of the simplest and most effective ways to improve overall well-being, manage stress, and reduce the risk of chronic diseases like heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and certain cancers.

To encourage more movement, the American Heart Association established National Walking Day in 2007. Celebrated annually on the first Wednesday in April, this event reminds us to take a step toward better health. On Wednesday, April 2, communities across the country are encouraged to walk whenever and wherever it fits into their day.

Make walking a part of your routine with these easy tips:

- **Take a brisk walk during lunch** to refresh your mind and body.
- **Explore Littleton's scenic trails and parks** for a peaceful outdoor stroll.
- **Wear comfortable shoes and stay hydrated** to make walking easier and more enjoyable.
- **Invite a friend or family member** to walk with you for extra motivation.

Spring Cleaning? Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste Safely

Spring is a great time to declutter but be sure to dispose of hazardous waste properly. The [Devens Regional Household Hazardous Products Collection Center](#) is open and available for Littleton residents to safely dispose of items like old paint, cleaners, pesticides, motor oil, and more. As a member community, Littleton residents have access to this facility to ensure hazardous materials are disposed of properly, protecting our environment and community health.

Location: 9 Cook Street, Devens

Open: The first Wednesday and following Saturday of each month

For a full list of accepted items and more information, visit [Devens HHW website](#) or contact the Littleton Department of Health

IT Department



Littleton Receives Municipal Website Award



Five communities from across the state were recognized as winners of the MMA's annual [municipal website awards](#) during the [Connect 351](#) conference in Boston on Jan. 24.

The awards recognize excellence in customer service, functionality, convenience and government transparency delivered by a municipal website in Massachusetts.

Awards are given in five population categories:

More than 35,000: Watertown — www.watertown-ma.gov

25,001 to 35,000: North Andover — www.northandoverma.gov

12,001 to 25,000: Belchertown — www.belchertown.org

5,001 to 12,000: Littleton — www.littletonma.org

Under 5,000: Sherborn — www.sherbornma.org

Municipal websites are evaluated using the following criteria:

- Clear branding as the official municipal government site, with local government address and hours prominently listed
- Intuitive navigation tools and organization of material
- Robust search function
- Current and timely information
- Availability of public records
- Mobile-friendly or mobile-responsive design
- Resources for residents such as the ability to apply for licenses and permits, pay bills, order documents and make suggestions
- Tools to promote economic development (e.g., ability to obtain licenses and permits or view list of developable land and vacant sites)
- Information about departments (e.g., key personnel, contact information, office hours, and department mission or purpose)
- Use of social media and tools for online community engagement
- Visual appeal and overall experience

Thanks to everyone who contributes to our web pages!



Project Updates

The Center on Shattuck Street — February 2025 Update



During the month of February, Commodore completed the highest-priority items on the roofing scope to enable the electricians to complete installation of the PV System racking and panels. The roofing subcontractor is behind schedule but is anticipated to complete their work in early March, including downspouts/cleanouts, which will be subject to an in-place mockup for approval by LLB.

Commodore continued to install finishes throughout the building, including the oak trim and Billiards-area edge protection baseboard (as a safety precaution in case of errant Billiard shots). Dandis (Painting subcontractor) completed finish-coats of interior paint at all remaining areas – exterior Painting will occur around mid-April, when the weather permits appropriate cure temperatures. Interior casework and trim was completed, leaving only items included in a forthcoming ASI by LLB to be completed (targeting completion on those next month). MEP work at the interior of the building largely consisted of supporting Building Commissioning activities by WSP (Owner's Commissioning Agent) and troubleshooting any issues that arose during this process.



At the building exterior, it remains Commodore's plan to complete the remaining site concrete work following Substantial Completion of the building, as the improving weather will enable asphalt paving and landscape plantings to be installed under suitable conditions for placement. Commodore reported at the 2/26 OAC Meeting that their plan was to resume sitework in the second or third week of March. This work will also include work added by Change Order at the 31 Shattuck St. construction house, in preparation for the Town to auction this property at the conclusion of the Project.

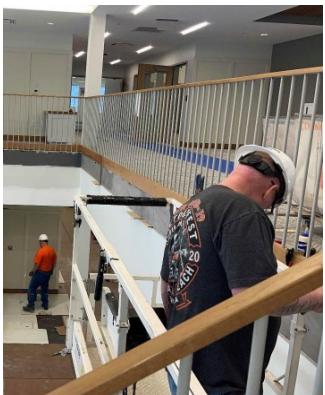
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On the administrative side, Commodore coordinated required inspections by the AHJ related to life safety (BDA, Fire Alarms) and prepared for a series of upcoming inspections as the building nears completion. LLB and their consultants have prepared an ANR plan documenting the lot-line adjustments required to bring the property line into conformance with Town Zoning Ordinances (which must be stamped by a Licensed Land Surveyor). This process was originally targeting the March 2025 Planning Board for approval, but is now expected to continue through the April 2025 Planning Board (the team determined that ANR plans require an extra step of Land Court approval before going to the Planning Board). LLB has consistently confirmed at project meetings that this process remains on-track and this delay is not expected to alter the overall project schedule.

Both FF&E and AV / Technology continued to move forward – the FF&E order remains on target for a delivery date on or about 4/8 which coincides with the planned conclusion of Commodore's Punch List activities. Previously identified remaining Technology scope items, including elevator/phone line coordination between Commodore and Town IT, as well as the confirmation of IP addresses for Commissioning, were completed. Commissioning activities, which are planned to extend into March, will continue to connect system endpoints with the controls in the Building Management System (BMS). At the end of February, the AV system installation was nearly complete, with cabling and power being addressed in tandem by KeyCode Media and Griffin Electric. It is anticipated that these items will be fully completed next month.





Project Updates

36 King Street—February 2025 Update



During the month of February, Classic Construction's team made a significant amount of progress on wall patching and miscellaneous drywall work, beginning on the second floor and working downward within the building so that finish work could follow behind. As areas became available following the drywall and patching, the painters primed and painted the rooms, followed by Capital Carpet (flooring subcontractor) installing the new vinyl flooring. At the end of this reporting period, the second floor was complete with the exception of the vinyl wall bases. Following installation of the bases, the Painters will return to complete finish touch-ups. At the Theater/Stage Area of the building, drywall repair work was started that is expected to extend into next month.

Following approval of PCO's by the PMBC on 2/5/25, Classic's carpenters completed floor framing replacement within the Vestibule ceiling, beneath Room 204A, and concealed this new framing within a new architectural soffit. At the lower level, final structural adjustments were made by Brideau (Misc. Metals subcontractor) to complete seam welds at the intersection of the new steel Y-Columns and beams.

In-wall Electrical Change Order work identified in CPR-014R1 was completed for both power and low-voltage scope. As of the end of February, the electricians had run the circuits to enable the EV Charging Station to be connected and were connecting various devices/endpoints including data jacks, Fire Alarms, and finish plates throughout the building. It is anticipated that next month, they will be able to return to install light fixtures once the ACT ceilings/grids are in place to support them.



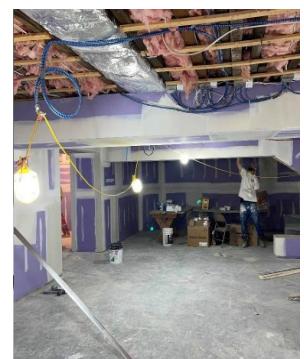
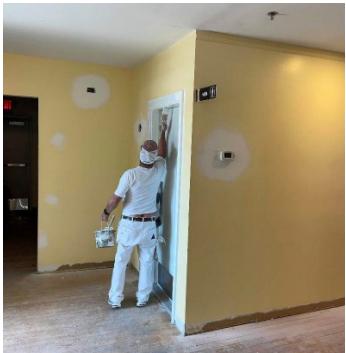
Project Updates

36 King Street—February 2025 Update

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 is coordinating with Vertex and Classic to process changes based on what is/has been uncovered or requested by the Town, and is issuing guidance accordingly in the form of Submittals and Change Proposal Requests (CPR's).

As of the close of this February reporting period, the project continues to show schedule slippage similar to what was reported last month; as this report was being prepared, a new Construction Schedule was issued by Classic reporting schedule recovery by approximately one full month. Change Order items authorized at the 2/5 PMBC Meeting allowed Classic to proceed with Critical Path work and enable a clear pathway to the completion of the project. With the additional time required to complete both remaining Base Contract and Change Order work, the project is tracking approximately 3 months behind the original Substantial Completion date and is currently targeting June 2025 for Substantial Completion. Vertex will continue to monitor schedule status.





Project Updates

Shaker Lane School Building Committee



Building Bright Futures @ Shaker Lane

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Why does our
community need
a new Shaker Lane
School?

Shaker Lane opened in 1961, and was last renovated in 1998. As such, it has outlived its useful lifespan.

Littleton Public Schools first performed a needs assessment in 2013. The District spent several years reviewing conditions and assessing the building's ability to support a 21st century education for Littleton's youngest students.



Learn more at <https://sites.google.com/littletonps.org/shaker-lane-school-project/home>

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Parks, Recreation & Community Education



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Spring is Here – Let the Prep Begin!

Happy Spring from Littleton Parks, Recreation, and Community Education!

As we welcome the warmer weather, we are hard at work preparing our parks, playgrounds, and playing fields for a fun and active season ahead. We want to extend a huge thank you to our dedicated Highway Department and seasonal staff for their hard work and support in getting everything ready for the season. Their efforts ensure our outdoor spaces are safe, clean, and enjoyable for all to use.

Seasonal Maintenance Updates:

As we begin our seasonal maintenance—including mulch and sand deliveries—please stay informed by regularly checking our website and Facebook page for any temporary park or field closures. For updates on field conditions, be sure to visit the [Field Status](#) page. Remember: if a field is listed as closed, we ask that you please stay off it to prevent damage and ensure proper care.

Our portable restrooms will soon be returning to the parks. Our parks trash policy is pack in, pack out; which means any trash brought with you needs to leave with you as well. We kindly ask for your help in keeping the porta potties clean and accessible for everyone by not leaving your trash behind. We appreciate your help in keeping Littleton beautiful.

Project Updates:

We're excited to report that the **Middle School Tennis Courts project** and the **Whitcomb Baseball Field renovation** are moving forward as planned! These upgrades will enhance our community's access to well-maintained and safe recreational spaces. Stay tuned for more information on the projects by visiting the [PRCE and Planning Board project pages](#).

Don't forget: the project will be on the [April 3rd Planning Board agenda](#)—be sure to check for updates and progress!

Parks, Recreation & Community Education



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Now Hiring for Summer 2025!

Did you know Littleton Parks, Recreation, and Community Education creates nearly **100 seasonal jobs** each year? Many of these positions are filled by local teens and young adults, providing valuable work experience and life skills. The best part? Nearly **\$265,000** in payroll goes back into our local economy through these seasonal roles.

The Town of Littleton PRCE is currently hiring for a variety of seasonal positions, including:

- Community Education Instructor
- Summer Custodian
- Camp Junior Counselor
- Camp Senior Counselor
- Camp Lead I (Camp T & Teen Adventures)
- Camp Specialists (Science, Art, Music, Technology, and Sports)
- Recreation Attendant
- Lifeguard
- Head Lifeguard
- Sailing Instructor

Full job descriptions and application instructions can be found on the [Littleton PRCE page](#) of the Town of Littleton website. Don't miss out on the opportunity to join our team and help create lasting memories!

Summer Camps Are Filling Fast!

Looking for a way to keep the kids active and engaged this summer? Don't wait—our **summer camps** and programs are filling up quickly! Visit [MyRec](#) today to reserve your child's spot in one of our exciting camps and programs. It's the perfect opportunity to let the kids have fun and stay active while you get some well-deserved time off!

[Register now](#) and make this summer one to remember!

Thank you for your continued support of Littleton Parks, Recreation, and Community Education. Stay connected with us for more updates and upcoming events—let's make this spring and summer the best one yet!

Best regards,

The Littleton Parks, Recreation, and Community Education Team

Library



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

[View Book Top Choices](#)



April News & Events from the Reuben Hoar Library

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

Adult Programming

Sourdough Starter Workshop with Sourdough Brandon

- **Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30pm** in the Sturtz Meeting Room

Learn how to make, maintain, and store a sourdough starter from an expert sourdough baker and food blogger Sourdough Brandon. You'll leave with many tips and tricks on how to keep your sourdough starter active, what to make with your starter, and even leave with some free sourdough starter!

Matt York – Classic Country Revue

- **Saturday, April 19th at 2pm** in the Sturtz Meeting Room

Longtime New England musician/author Matt York will perform the songs of classic country and honky-tonk artists and tell stories of their careers. Starting with artists like Hank Williams, Patsy Cline and many more, York will discuss the origins of Western Swing music and the heroes of the Texas and Nashville honky-tonks.



Vermi Composting – Turn your organic waste into black gold for your garden!

- **Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:30pm** in the Sturtz Meeting Room

Join this seminar to learn the basics of Vermi composting – how to use composting worms to transform kitchen scraps into a soil amendment filled with beneficial nutrients and microbes. Presenter Malin Goodwin lives in Littleton and enjoys her garden where she grows both flowers and vegetables.

Library



Adult Board Game Night

- Thursday, April 24th at 6pm in the Murray Room

Board game night for adults only. We have plenty of board games or you can bring your own!

Author Talk & Career Workshop with Becca Carnahan

- Tuesday, April 29th at 6pm in the Sturtz Meeting Room

Join Becca Carnahan, Littleton mom, Career Coach, and author of *When Mommy Grows Up: Finding Career Clarity While Covered in Kids*, for an engaging and interactive author talk on navigating the chaotic, exciting, and often overwhelming adventure of managing our careers, managing our families, and managing to laugh through it all.



**Closed, Monday –
April 21st in
recognition of
Patriots' Day.**

Teen Room

Teen LoFi Study Lounge

-Wednesdays at 2:30pm in the Murray Room

Walk-in to the Lo-fi Study lounge in the Murry Room! Study or do homework after school from 2:30-4:30pm while listening to some quiet Lo-fi beats! Groups welcome. Quiet conversation and homework help encouraged.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

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

Do you hear the call to adventure? Then join us every other Thursday from 6:00 to 7:30 PM for Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club! Open to ages 11 and up, bring your friends and get ready to start your quest. Dice are available to share, and James can help with printing character sheets and explaining the rules.



Library



Children's Room

Toddler Storytime

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

Join Miss Jennifer for an action-packed Storytime! We will explore a different theme each week with books, songs, movements and instruments. This Storytime is most appropriate for children ages 18 months - 3 years.



Littles and Letters Alphabet Story Time...

-Wednesdays at 11am in the Sturtz Meeting Room

In "Littles and Letters" Story Time, we will be doing a letter per week, starting in September with the letter "A." For ages 4 and up, our preschool friends.

PJ Story Time

-Wednesday, April 9th at 6:30 pm in the Sturtz Meeting Room

Bring your favorite stuffie or blanket, wear your PJs, and join us for some fun bedtime stories!

Littleton Country Gardeners Craft for Children in Grades 3-5

-Monday, April 14th at 3:30pm in the Sturtz Room

The craft will be something associated with Easter. Please sign up for this popular craft.

Next Generation Children's Center Night at the Library

-Tuesday, April 15th at 5pm in the Sturtz Meeting Room

Lego Club for ages 6 and up

-Wednesday, April 23rd at 2pm in the Sturtz Meeting Room

Come in and play with our THOUSANDS of Legos! Please sign up online as space is limited.



Book Clubs:

Sci-Fi and Fantasy Book Club – Tuesday, April 15th at 6:30pm, Murray Room

***Leviathan Falls* by James S.A. Corey**

Third Wednesdays Book Club - Wednesday, April 16th at 7pm, Murray Room

***Table for Two* by Amor Towles**



Police Dept

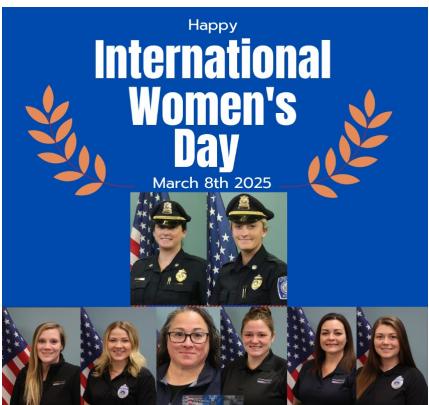


February 2025

Calls	1332
911	135
Arrests	6
Incidents	52
Citations	64
Crashes	16



FIRE INVESTIGATION



Safety Kits:

The Littleton Police and the Littleton Council of Aging visited the Rotary Club of Littleton, Massachusetts, to present the Safe Return Home Program. This important initiative is designed to assist individuals who may be at risk of wandering due to conditions such as dementia, autism, or other cognitive impairments.

The program collaborates with the community to help ensure the safe return of missing loved ones. Thank you to the Rotary Club for providing us the opportunity to share this valuable resource with you!

For more information on how to register for the Safe Return Home Program, please contact Officer Abu at iabu@littletonpd.com.

Tesla Fires:

The Littleton Police, Fire Department, and Massachusetts State Police are still investigating suspicious fires that destroyed several charging stations, including Tesla charging stations, located at the Point. The case remains under investigation, and anyone with information is encouraged to contact Littleton Police Detectives at 978-540-2300 or the Arson Watch Reward Program Hotline at 1800-682-9229.

Women's History Month:

Littleton Police Celebrated Women's History Month by highlighting the incredible Women of the Littleton Police Department from Patrol Division, Special Services, Executive Office and Communication Officer.

Road Safety Grant:

Littleton Police continues to benefit from the Municipal Road Safety Grant by enforcing pedestrian crosswalks. As the weather warms up, the public will notice various targeted enforcement efforts, including crosswalk, cellphone, and speed enforcement. We encourage the public to share the road and be responsible when behind the wheel of a Motor Vehicle.



Fire Dept



Please help us welcome
Christopher Waggett to the
Littleton Fire Department!



Please help us welcome
Logan Leblanc to the
Littleton Fire Department!



Please help us welcome
Andrew Taylor and Nick Corcoran
to the Littleton Fire Department!

*Calendar of Meetings & Events**Check website for updates, additions & cancellations*www.littletonma.org/calendar or scan barcode for live calendar

April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1 Conservation Commission Meeting - April 1st, 2025 @ 7:30 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)</p>	<p>2 Affordable Housing Trust Meeting - April 2, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Hybrid: In-Person, Room 103 (Town Hall) & Virtual via Zoom Housing Authority Board Meeting - April 2nd, 2025 @ 1:00 PM - Housing Authority (19 Shattuck Street)</p>	<p>3 Board of Assessors Meeting - April 3rd, 2025 @ 7:30 AM - Virtual via Avaya Planning Board Meeting - April 3rd, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall) Sustainability Committee Meeting -</p>	<p>4 Juliet Club - Marty's Corner Cave, Devens</p>	<p>5 Wandering 4-H Cloverbuds</p>
6	7 Select Board Meeting - April 7th, 2025 - Room 103 (Town Hall)	<p>8 Conservation Commission Meeting - April 8th, 2025 @ 7:30 PM - Conservation Commission - Public Hearing: 73 Hartwell Avenue - April 8th, 2025 @ 7:45 PM - Littleton Conservation Trust Park and Recreation Commission Meeting</p>	<p>9 Senior Luncheon at Littleton H.S. Deeply Affordable Housing Workshop - April 9th, 2025 @ 7:00 PM - Multi-Purpose Room (Town Hall)</p>	<p>10 Library Trustees Meeting Littleton School Committee Meeting - LCTV Room</p>	<p>11 Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member - Mark Rambacher</p>	<p>12</p>
13	14 Council on Aging Board Meeting Charter Committee Meeting - April 14th, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall) Nagog Hill Orchard Community Meeting	15	<p>16 Community Preservation Committee Meeting - Hybrid: In-Person Shaker Lane School Building Committee Meeting - April 16th, 2025 @ 7:00 PM Littleton Candidate's Night</p>	17	18	<p>19 Littleton Patriots Day Celebration</p>
20	21 Town Hall Closed	<p>22 Conservation Commission Meeting - April 22nd, 2025 @ 7:30 PM - Sturtz Room (Reuben Hoar Library) Select Board Meeting - April 22nd, 2025 - Room 103 (Town Hall) 33rd LELWD Luncheon for Littleton and Boxborough Seniors</p>	23	24	<p>25 Drop In Meeting with a Select Board Member</p>	<p>26</p>
27	28 Charter Committee Meeting - April 28th, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Room	29	30			

Current Board Vacancies (Appointed by the Select Board)

Click [HERE](#) for a list of all Boards/Committees



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**

One (1) 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

* **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

* **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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



Nagog Hill Orchard Community Meeting

Monday, April 14th 6:30-8:30 pm

Reuben Hoar Library, 35 Shattuck St, Sturtz Room



Please join us to discuss the future of the Nagog Hill Orchard!

The Town hired the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to convene community conversations about the future of the Nagog Hill Orchard and to define the criteria to measure successful outcomes for the property. The second of two community meetings will be hosted by MAPC. The meeting will be interactive to gather feedback from the community.

If you need special assistance, accommodations, or interpretation services, please contact MAPC at (617) 933-0760 or jfiala@mapc.org



Trust Fund Commission



2025 Kimball-Morrison Scholarship Application Available Starting January 15, 2025

2025 Kimball-Morrison Scholarship Application Available Starting January 15, 2025.
For more details, please click the link below:

<https://www.littletonma.org/924/Scholarship-Funds-and-Application>

Littleton Town Democratic Committee

Saturday, April 26; Littleton Democrats to Elect Delegates to Democratic State Convention

Littleton — On Saturday, April 26, Democrats will convene at the Sturtz Meeting Room in the Rueben Hoar Library to elect 7 delegates and 4 alternates to represent Littleton at the 2025 State Democratic Convention.

Individuals aged 16 and above who have registered or pre-registered as Democrats in Littleton by Saturday, March 29th, 2025, may vote and be elected as delegates or alternates during the caucus. Youth (age 16 to 35), people with disabilities, people of color, veterans, members of the LGBTQ+ community not elected as delegates or alternates are encouraged to apply to be add-on delegates at the caucus or by visiting massdems.org/massdems-convention. The 2025 Convention will be in person at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA on Saturday, September 13th.

Those interested in getting involved with the Littleton Democratic Committee should contact Jeanine Wood at littletondemschair@gmail.com, 978-742-9780.

Community Preservation Committee



The Community Preservation Committee has been busy hearing applications from a variety of groups. Below is a recap of the projects expected to be recommended and voted on at the Annual Town Meeting in May. Full applications can be found on the CPC webpage of the town website.

<https://www.littletonma.org/889/Community-Preservation-Committee>

Project Name	Applicant	Description	Service Category	CPA Request
Westlawn Cemetery Gravestone Preservation Phase 2	Cemetery & Historical Commission	To continue the gravestone preservation/conservation begun in 2021. The professional gravestone consultants are working their way through the list of gravestones identified in their assessment as in need of rehabilitation.	Historic	\$ 9,950
Houghton Memorial Building Door Restoration	Historical Society	To have the arched front doors of the Houghton memorial Building removed and rehabilitated. The doors will be stripped of paint, repaired as	Historic	\$ 12,000
Eco-Harvesting for Lake Matawanakee	Clean Lakes Committee	A combination of projects aimed to enhance the health of Lake Matawanakee. From the grant, \$6,000 will be used for plant surveys related to the Eco-Harvesting treatment. We project that the remaining \$74,000, together with \$18,500 carryover FY2025 funding from the Littleton Water Department, will support 13 machine-days of Eco-	Open Space	\$ 80,000
Spectacle Pond Boat Launch Engineering Study	Clean Lakes Committee	To have an engineering study conducted to determine how to improve the public boat launch at Spectacle Pond. The rutting and associated disgorging of gravel at the severely sloped launch area continues to fill in the already shallow area of the pond at the end of the slope. As a result, larger boats are unable to be loaded and unloaded	Recreation	\$ 30,000
Whetcomb 1739 Commission Restoration	Historical Society	Restoration of a severely damaged 1739 officers commission by Northeast Document Center. Recommended treatment includes dry cleaning, aqueous treatment, humidify and wash, size with gelatin, pre-mend tears and fill losses with toned Japanese paper and urheat starch paste. NEDCC will also supply a digital image to create a faithful image surrogate so that the original document can	Historic	\$ 3,910
Consultant for 12 Robinson Road Preservation Restriction Adherence	Historical Commission	Funding for a professional historic preservation consultant to assist the LHC in ensuring compliance with the preservation restriction for 12 Robinson Road	Historic	\$ 1,128
Nagog Hill Orchard: Historic Preservation Consultant	Historical Commission	Nagog Hill Orchard: Historic Preservation Consultant to Survey 2 Barns for MHC MACRIS Inclusion and Develop 3 Historic Preservation Restrictions (for Main House and 2 BARNs)	Historic	\$ 7,500
Durkee Farmhouse and Barn:	Historical Commission	Historic Preservation Consultant to Assist LHC to Develop RFP and Historic Preservation	Historic	\$ 7,500
Affordable Housing Trust Rental Assistance Program	Affordable Housing Trust	Rental Assistance program for FY26	Housing	\$ 106,000
Long Lake Frog Pond Invasive Plant Control	Conservation Commission	Restore and preserve the natural habitat at the Long Lake Frog Pond by assessing and developing a plan to remove invasive plants.	Open Space	\$ 30,000
Long Lake Dock Replacement <i>(currently pending CPC approval)</i>	Park & Rec Commission	To update the dock in the center of the lake and replace the fishing dock with Can Dock system similar to last year's project when the sailboat dock	Recreation	\$ 14,268
Community Track Resurfacing <i>(currently pending CPC approval)</i>	Littleton School Department	The track at the Russell Street School needs the rubber surface replaced and resurfaced. Also to add a similar rubber coating in the area around the High Jump and Long Jump. \$100,000 is coming from a transfer from the school department and \$40,000 is coming from the Littleton Track Association which will be deposited to the CPA	Recreation	\$ 170,000

Littleton Affordable Housing Trust



The Littleton Affordable Housing Trust is moving beyond its successful Rental Assistance program (LRAP) and its newer Small Grant program for essential repairs and Aging-in-Place alterations for homeowners. The Grant program is administered by Elder and Human Services and funded by the Trust, with State Grant money. These Grants are designed to provide financial support for Littleton homeowners with limited means to remain in the community for as long and as safely as possible. For more information visit the Town website <https://www.littletonma.org/1293/Littleton-Affordable-Housing-Trust-Small>, or contact Amy DeMichele at (978) 540 2472.

We are actively working towards the construction of new affordable housing on two sites in Littleton. The Trust contributed to the purchase of the Mary Brown property Conservation Land between Tahattawan Rd and Harwood Ave, and received a 1 ½ acre parcel in return. We have contracted with Habitat for Humanity to build a two-family dwelling off Tahattawan Rd. The Trust will fund Habitat's project construction supervisor, and is asking for volunteer help to do the work of building the house. Town residents cooperated generously with Habitat in 1999-2000 to build a single-family house off Harvard Rd with the help of about 800 volunteers. We need volunteers now to spread the word, to raise funds, to organize teams, and to get their hands dirty when construction starts later this year. To comment, or to join our efforts, contact Trust member Mark Rambacher.

In late 2023 the Trust acquired a 5-acre parcel of land near the train station, the house and barn known as the Durkee estate, and is planning to invest considerably more of its Community Preservation Act sourced funds to create new affordable housing there. Our goal is to restore the house to habitable condition, convert the barn to housing, and build a new building on site, with a total of approximately eight new units in a mix of two- and three-bedroom sizes. The Trust is in the process of writing a Request for Proposals (RFP) with help from Massachusetts Housing Partnership to find a developer to create affordable housing on the site. The Trust requests public comments on the project to help shape the RFP before it is published. A public workshop to explain the idea and receive public comment will be announced soon. The Affordable Housing Trust will be holding a virtual meeting on April 2 at 6:30 PM to further discuss the RFP for the Durkee property.

Conservation Commission



On April 22nd we invite you to Celebrate Earth Day; a day dedicated to raising awareness about Environmental Protection & the urgent need to preserve our planet's Natural Resources. Small actions count towards our collective impact. You can acknowledge this important day by spending time with your Family hiking through some of Littleton's many conservation trails; Cloverdale Conservation Area, Hartwell Family Memorial Preserve, and Oak Hill to name a few. Add in one of those small actions by bringing along a Plastic Bag and Gloves to pickup any litter you find along the way - because the health of our planet is the building block to a sustainable & thriving future!



The Cloverdale parking lot guardrail has been installed as the last part of our 2023 MassTrails Grant that we received funding for to construct an ADA trail connecting the parking lot to the 600-foot boardwalk that oversees Cloverdale's beautiful wet meadow. A huge Thank You to Jim O'Neil, Tom O'Neil, Rick Findlay, Mark Rambacher, Richard Buckles, Dana Gray, M.J. Cataldo, Holcim Aggregates, and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for making this possible!



Planning Board Update



The Planning Board is moving forward with two Zoning Bylaw Amendments for the May 6, 2025 Town Meeting. We hope to see you at Town Meeting!

Floodplain Bylaw and Map Update

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) adopted new Flood Insurance Rate Map panels for Littleton in January 2025. Updates to Littleton's "Wetlands and Floodplain" zoning bylaw would refer to the new maps and assure that Littleton remains eligible for the national flood insurance program. The MA Department of Conservation and Recreation – Flood Hazard Management Program has reviewed and approved the proposed new bylaw. The next step is for a Town Meeting vote.

After the March 13, 2025, Public Hearing, the Planning Board unanimously voted to recommend the proposed Floodplain Zoning Bylaw Amendment to bring forward to Town Meeting.

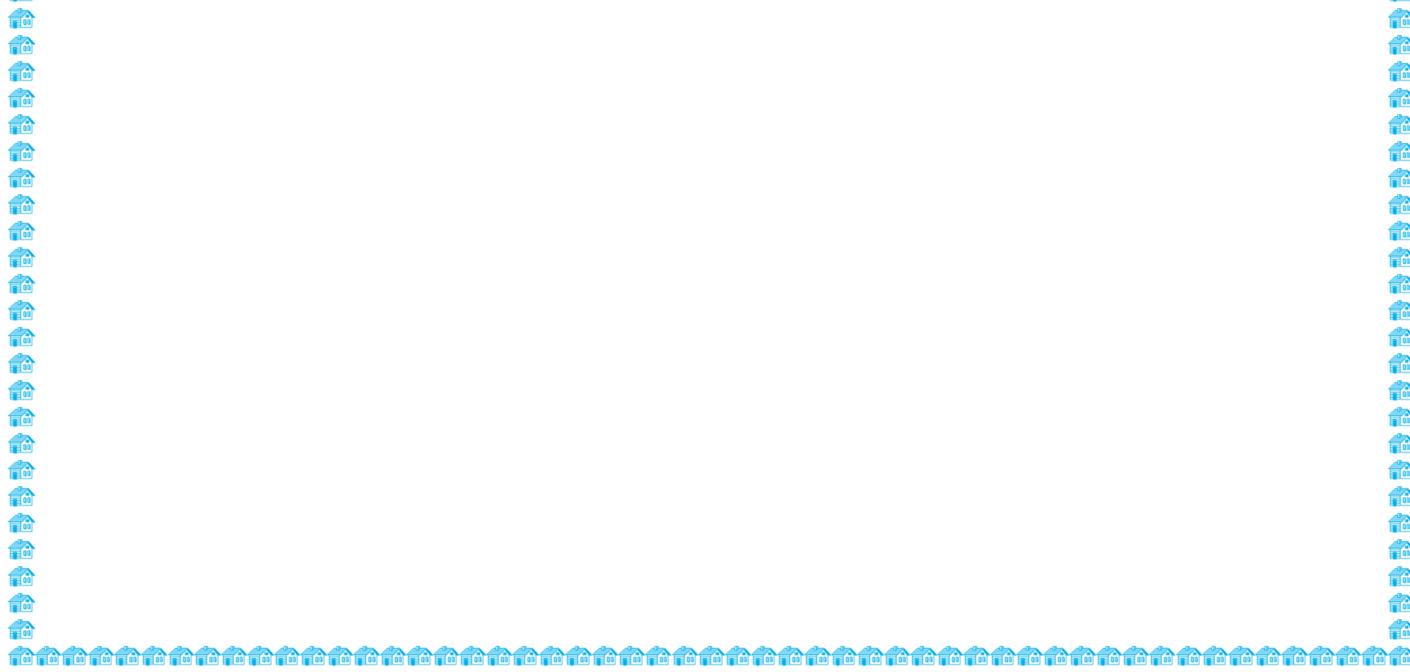
For more information on the Floodplain Bylaw and new Maps, please visit: <https://littletonma.org/1273/Floodplain-Bylaw-and-Maps>

Marijuana Cultivation Facilities Bylaw Update

In response to concerns raised by Littleton residents, the Planning Board is moving forward with a zoning bylaw amendment to prohibit Adult-Use marijuana cultivation facilities in Town. This effort will require a Town Meeting vote (2/3 majority) at the May 6 Town Meeting, and Ballot Vote (simple majority) at the May 10 Town Election. Full text of the proposed amendments – and additional background information – is posted to the Marijuana Bylaw Amendments page linked below.

At the March 13, 2025, Public Hearing, the Planning Board unanimously voted to recommend the proposed Marijuana Cultivation Facilities Bylaw Amendment to bring forward to Town Meeting.

For more information on the Marijuana Cultivation Facilities Bylaw, please visit: <https://ma-littleton.civicplus.com/1226/202425-Marijuana-Bylaw-Amendments>



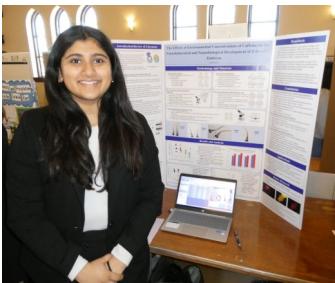
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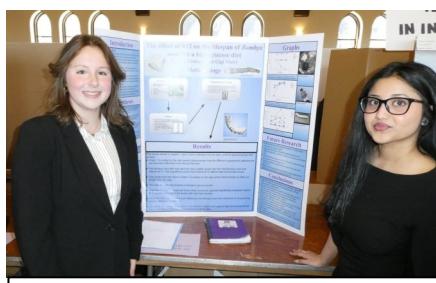
Greetings from the Littleton School Committee!

We're proud of the many achievements of our students, a few of which are mentioned in this month's newsletter. Our schools are committed not only to academic success, but to fostering kindness, empathy, and personal responsibility as we prepare students to become good citizens in the world.

High school student Olivia Branco hosted a bake sale during the Shaker Lane conferences on March 14, and received \$770 in donations to go to Habitat for Humanity Greater Los Angeles to help LA wildfire survivors. What a great way to show HEART to a community in need! At a recent assembly at the Russell Street School, a select group of students were nominated by their classmates to receive the Take Responsibility STRIPE. (An honor by your peers is especially valuable!). At the middle school, students are nominated by their peers to receive Golden Tiger Awards for their kindness, positivity, and responsibility. The *Character Strong* curriculum continues to support students at the high school by promoting a sense of well-being and belonging. Ninth graders discussed their values and how they tie into friendships. Tenth graders reflected on how messages they receive online can impact their well-being. Eleventh graders discussed barriers to having a sense of belonging, and what they can do to help create a culture of belonging in their school. Twelfth graders reflected on the leadership skills they can use to make a positive impact on others.



Grade 11 student Anika Jacob's project received a first-place award and will be advancing to the state



Grade 10 students Lily Graham (left) and Gigi Malvi's project received a third-place award and will be advancing to the state fair.

Of course, we're proud to recognize academic achievements as well! On March 7, sixteen LHS students participated in the Region IV Massachusetts Science & Engineering Fair (MSEF), held at Tufts University. Littleton students presented a total of ten projects, six of which will move on to the state fair on April 4 at Gillette Stadium.

The students spent months researching, designing, carrying out, and analyzing their own original scientific investigation in preparation for the fair. Students are mentored by LHS biology teacher Valerie Finnerty. Best of luck to our young scientists at the state fair!

Mark your calendars:

April 1: Spring Festival of Math and Literacy at Russell Street School, 5:00 - 6:30 pm. Open to all RSS families and SLS 2nd graders.

April 4 - 6: LHS Drama presents their spring musical *Legally Blonde*. Tickets are on sale at littletondrama.ludus.com.

May 6, Town Meeting: Presentation about the Shaker Lane Building Project. Come at 6:00 pm (before town meeting begins at 7:00) to learn more about the project and ask questions to members of the Shaker Lane Building Committee.





Littleton High School Drama

Music & Lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe & Nell Benjamin Book by Heather Hach
Based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro Goldwyn-Mayer Motion Picture

A stylized illustration of a blonde woman with long, wavy hair. She is wearing a red graduation cap with a tassel and a red graduation gown. Her right hand is touching the cap. The background is a light blue with white star-like sparkles.

April
4th - 6th
littletonps.org/drama

Littleton Robotics



Last weekend, Littleton Robotics' [**Team 6328 "Mechanical Advantage"**](#) brought their robot "Manta" to the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH for their second competition of the 2025 season. They came home as the #1 seed after qualification matches, the runner-up in the elimination tournament after exciting Finals matches against a very high performing alliance, and with the Autonomous Award recognizing the software team's work.



But more importantly, the students and their coaches took some risks to try out new strategies and systems and learned a lot in the process while continuing to show their cohesive teamwork and positive energy.

The students worked hard over 2 1/2 days to tune mechanical systems, improve autonomous driver assist, and scout the capabilities of the other 39 teams at the competition. At the end of qualification matches, Team 6328 was ranked #1 and selected Team 3467 "Windham Windup" from Windham NH (the same team we worked with at our first competition this season) along with Team 3597 "Robo-Rangers" from Kittery, ME to play through the double-elimination playoff bracket. A few issues in the Finals against an incredibly strong #2 alliance saw the Team 6328 alliance emerge as Finalists after hard-fought Finals matches. Check out a 2 1/2 minute [match video from playoffs](#) to see what gameplay is like.

The team was also honored to receive the *Autonomous Award*, which celebrates a team that demonstrates consistent, reliable, high-performance robot operation during autonomously managed actions.

Team 6328 will next be competing at the New England District Championship at the Big E in West Springfield, MA April 3-5. If you're local, come on by and cheer the team on, or tune in to the [live stream](#). Our students are excited to continue tuning the robot to compete again next week with an eye towards qualifying for the World Championship in Houston in mid-April.

Littleton Robotics



A few more photos from the weekend at UNH:



As always, **thank you** for your support. We are tremendously grateful for our community and sponsors that allow us to provide these amazing hands-on learning experiences for our students. There's always time to donate to the team, especially as we get closer and closer to qualifying for World Championships - we still have a steady stream of expenses. Please let us know if you are able to sponsor the team, or visit www.littletonrobotics.org/donate to make a donation.

Yours in robots!

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Katie Bonner (she/her)
Board of Directors and FRC 6328 Business Team Mentor
Littleton Robotics/Littleton STEM Educational Foundation
www.littletonrobotics.org

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Spring Facts

- Meteorological Start Date—March 1st
- Meteorological End Date—May 31st
- Astronomical Start Date—March 20th
- Astronomical End Date—June 22nd
- Spring Equinox starts 6 months of daylight at the North Pole
- Tornados are more common in Spring
- Ducks hatch in Spring
- Honeybees swarm in Spring
- Tulips are one of the first flowers to bloom in Spring
- Spring happens at different times around the world
- Some frogs can freeze in the winter and thaw out in the Spring
- Spring pollen can confuse your immune system
- The Springtime is a period for celebrating festivals and religious holidays
- The Spring season is also a common time for people to “Spring Clean”

