

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.

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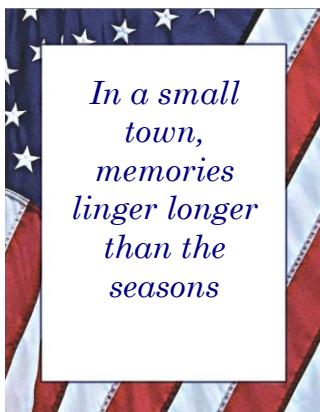
Message From Your Select Board



While summer often brings a slower pace, it is a season of active planning and transition for the Select Board. With the May elections concluded and the new fiscal year beginning on July 1, we reorganized our leadership roles—Chair, Vice-Chair, and Clerk—and reviewed committee and board assignments. Our annual retreat is scheduled for June 20, where we will review our progress on previous goals and establish new priorities for the year ahead.

This month also marks the successful conclusion of two major Town projects. School Administration and Parks and Recreation will be moving into their new offices at 37 King Street, and the Center on Shattuck Street has officially opened its doors. With these significant milestones achieved, our attention now turns to future planning efforts, including the next phase for the Shattuck Street complex and the New Shaker Lane Building Project.

On June 9, the Select Board held a joint meeting with the Finance Committee, School Committee, Shaker Lane Building Committee, and Permanent Municipal Building Committee to receive the latest updates on the Shaker Lane project. The presentation included revised cost estimates, comparative pricing data from similar projects across the state, and design updates. After discussion, the committees endorsed a geothermal HVAC system, chosen for its long-term cost efficiency and environmental benefits. This collaborative meeting underscores our shared commitment to ensuring open communication and alignment across committees on this critical project. We encourage all residents to [watch the meeting](#) recording and [review the presentation materials](#) to stay informed.



Message From Your Select Board



In addition to long-range planning, the Town continues to prioritize roadway safety improvements:

- A safety zone has been established on Lake Shore Drive, reducing the speed limit to 20 mph.
- A state grant has enabled the installation of a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) at Roxbury and Goldsmith, near Shaker Lane. The Town will also install additional RRFBs at that intersection.
- The Town has requested state approval for more RRFBs along King Street, including locations at Rogers Street (near Castle in the Trees), near Pondside Apartments, and at Baldwin Hill Road.
- The state has approved the following speed limit reductions:
 - Great Road (Route 119) between Robinson Road and Acton Toyota is reduced to 30 mph.
 - King Street (Route 110) between Ayer Road and I-495 is reduced to 35 mph.

We remain committed to thoughtful planning, coordination across departments and boards, and public safety as we look ahead to the opportunities and challenges of the coming year. Thank you for your continued engagement and support

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From the Desk of the Town Administrator



Investing in the future of our community is a decision that requires careful consideration, balancing immediate needs with long-term benefits. When it comes to educational infrastructure, communities often face a choice between rehabilitating an outdated school and adding modular classrooms or building a brand-new school. While both options have their merits, investing in the construction of a new school generally offers significant advantages that align with a community's best interests. I'm a firm believer Littleton will benefit more from constructing a new elementary school rather than simply rehabilitating the existing Shaker Lane School and adding "temporary" modular classrooms.



One of the primary reasons we are proposing to build a new elementary school is the durability and longevity it offers. The existing outdated school building, no matter how well-maintained over the years, has reached a point where repairs and renovations are less cost-effective than starting anew. Continual repairs to the building have resulted in escalating maintenance costs, potential building closures, and disruptions to students' learning environment. Conversely, the proposed purpose-built new school is designed with modern materials and technologies that ensure durability for decades, thus reducing ongoing repair and maintenance expenses.

What's the ROI (Return on Investment)? The Select Board, School Committee, Finance Committee, School and Town Administrations, and everyone working on this project are all very sensitive to the project's cost; however, over time, its lower maintenance costs and higher resilience make it a more cost-effective investment. Although modular classrooms provide short-term relief, they won't address the underlying structural issues, and their temporary nature means additional costs for replacement or expansion in the future. Building a new school, therefore, offers better financial predictability and stability.

The physical environment of any school has a significant impact on students' learning experiences. The design of the proposed modern, purpose-built school will incorporate current educational standards, safety protocols, and technological advancements. Some of the features include, but are not limited to, flexible learning spaces, integrated technology infrastructure, energy-efficient designs, and improved acoustics and lighting, all of which will create a conducive learning environment.

The current Shaker Lane School lacks adequate space, proper ventilation, and accessibility features, hindering the teacher's ability to teach and the students' ability to learn. Modular classrooms, while temporarily helpful, often lack the full integration of facilities, resources, and aesthetic quality necessary for fostering engagement and collaboration among students. The proposed new school is designed specifically to meet Littleton's educational goals, providing tailored spaces for STEM education, arts, physical activity, and social-emotional development.

From the Desk of the Town Administrator



Building codes and safety standards evolve over time. The school building as it stands today does not meet contemporary safety requirements, including seismic standards, fire codes, and accessibility guidelines. Rehabilitating the building for compliance will be costly and may still leave gaps in safety.



The proposed new school will be constructed from the ground up, meeting current safety and accessibility standards, ensuring all students and staff are protected and can access facilities without barriers. This includes ADA-compliant entrances, specialized classrooms, and emergency egress routes. Such improvements foster an inclusive, safe, and welcoming environment essential for a thriving educational community.

Littleton is evolving and so are our educational needs. The current Shaker Lane School will no longer accommodate our growing student populations or changing curriculum demands. The rehabilitation and modular classrooms offer temporary expansion, but they'll lack the flexibility Littleton needs for long-term growth.

The proposed new school is designed with an expandable infrastructure, larger, more adaptable spaces, and modern utilities that can support future expansion, if necessary. The smart design principles will incorporate green spaces, outdoor learning areas, and community facilities, making the proposed new school a central hub for neighborhood development and engagement.

In so many communities, constructing a new school often acts as a catalyst for community pride and economic stimulation. We are very fortunate here in Littleton because we already have that. What this project will do is send a clear and convincing message that Littleton is investing in our children's future. This project itself will create jobs during construction, benefiting local contractors and suppliers. Moreover, a new school can increase property values, as modern, attractive schools are highly desirable. This boost in property values will be reinvested into other municipal services and infrastructure.

The school's design emphasizes sustainability. As with the Reuben Hoar Library and the newly constructed Center on Shattuck Street, energy-efficient systems have been integrated; renewable energy sources, green roofing, and eco-friendly materials. Such features will reduce operational costs and the environmental impact over the building's lifespan. Rehabilitating the existing school limits us by the existing structure and will not achieve anything close to the same level of efficiency. Modular classrooms, although often more portable, are not built with sustainability in mind, leading to higher energy usage and a smaller ecological footprint.

From the Desk of the Town Administrator



Rehabilitating the existing school and adding modular classrooms will cause significant disruptions to students' daily routine, including noise, construction dust, and temporary relocation of classes. Such interruptions will negatively impact learning and the emotional well-being of the students. The site for the proposed new school will minimize disruption to the learning environment. Once completed, our students will transition into a state-of-the-art facility designed specifically to meet their educational needs, providing a stable and consistent learning environment.



In conclusion, rehabilitating the outdated Shaker Lane School and adding modular classrooms might appear as a more affordable or quicker solution at first, but the long-term benefits of constructing a new elementary school far outweigh those short-term gains. The new school will provide a durable, safe, and adaptable learning environment that promotes better educational outcomes, community pride, and environmental sustainability. Investing in a purpose-built facility reflects Littleton's commitment to our children's future and ensures that the infrastructure remains beneficial for generations to come. Ultimately, building a new elementary school is a strategic, forward-thinking decision that aligns with Littleton's best interests, fostering growth, safety, and excellence in education for years to come.

Investing in a new elementary school not only provides a safe and conducive learning environment for students but also serves as a catalyst for hosting community events, fostering stronger bonds among residents, and creating a sense of shared pride. It's an investment in Littleton's vitality, resilience, and potential for achievement.

Please support the Shaker Lane School Building Project.

Sewer Update



The Contractor (Revoli) continues to chip through ledge on King Street, just past Farmstead. They were able to install two manholes on either side of the duct banks at the King Street IBM entrance and connect those two manholes with pipe.

They have under 100' left of pipe installation remaining to connect the system to the first manhole at IBM and then approximately 400' to go from the second manhole to the Westford line.

All this work should be completed in 3-4 weeks. Paving operations will begin Monday, June 30 to start paving from the Littleton High School to Russell Street. Once this is completed, Revoli intends to pave some parts of the Common, but LELWD and the town are still coordinating this with Mass DOT.

Employment Opportunities - as of published date

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



- [Assistant Town Administrator](#)
- [Firefighter/EMT Paramedic](#)
- [Communications Officer—Part Time](#)
- [Veteran's Agent](#)
- [EHS Van Driver](#)

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Application Here*



Charter Committee Update

The Charter Committee continues its review of Littleton's government structure, with guidance from the Collins Center for Public Management. Following a structured work plan, the committee has focused first on the legislative branch—how Town Meeting functions, how warrants are prepared and shared, and the roles of key officials.

Recent discussions have expanded to the executive branch—particularly the roles of the Select Board and Town Administrator. These conversations aim to clarify how core functions like budgeting, personnel, and facility management are currently handled, and where there may be opportunities for improvement.

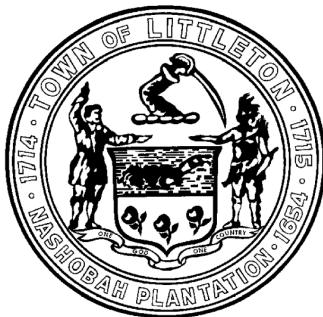
Input from town staff, elected officials, and experts continues to inform the committee's work. Draft charter language is being developed section by section, alongside a list of potential bylaw and policy updates for future consideration.

This summer, the committee will continue its deep dive into the executive and legislative branches, as well as selected boards and committees.

Public engagement remains central to the process. All meetings are open to the public and available via LCTV and the town website. Questions or feedback are welcome at CharterCommitteeQuestions@littletonma.org.

The committee looks forward to sharing more updates as its work progresses.

Building Department



Town of Littleton

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**EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2025 - HVAC
(Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning)**

MANUAL J, MANUAL S, & MANUAL D REQUIRED WITH HERS REPORT

Manual J is the recognized standard for calculation heating and cooling loads in residential buildings ensuring HVAC systems are properly sized for efficiency and comfort.

Manual S provides specific procedures for selecting HVAC equipment against a set on Manual J loads and design conditions. Manual S use OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer) data and specifies how large or small the selected HVAC equipment capacity can be when compared to the Manual J load calculation.

Manual D design for HVAC includes a comprehensive set of guidelines to ensure the proper sizing, layout, and configuration of ductwork. These guidelines are essential for maintaining energy efficiency, comfort, and performance in HVAC systems.

For replacement of an existing dwelling: Manual J block load and Manual S Equipment Selection Reports are needed if the existing ducted distribution is being used.

An existing dwelling if you are adding an addition or more floor area it would be considered new distribution which would require room by room load calculations to include Manual S, and Manual D.

Health Department



July is Extreme Heat Awareness Month — Know the Signs, Protect Your Health

Hot and humid days are becoming more common in New England, and extreme heat can be deadly—especially for seniors, children, and those with chronic illnesses. The Health Department urges all residents to recognize the risks and take action.

Heat exhaustion symptoms include:

- Dizziness, nausea, or fainting
- Headache or rapid heartbeat
- Heavy sweating and cold, clammy skin

To stay safe in high temperatures:

- Drink water often, even if you're not thirsty
- Avoid outdoor activity between 10 AM and 4 PM
- Wear light, loose-fitting clothing
- Check on elderly neighbors and those without A/C
- Never leave children or pets in cars—not even for a minute

If your home becomes unsafe during a heatwave, call the Health Department at (978) 540-2430 to locate cooling centers in town.

Scoop the Poop — A Simple Act That Makes a Big Difference

Littleton is full of beautiful trails, sidewalks, and open spaces—and many of us enjoy them with our four-legged friends. But with great pets come small responsibilities, and cleaning up after your dog is one of the easiest ways to keep our community clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone.

Why it matters:

- Dog waste can carry bacteria and parasites that are harmful to other pets, wildlife, and even people.
- Left on the ground, it can wash into storm drains during rainstorms, polluting our ponds, wetlands, and drinking water.
- And let's be honest—no one likes the surprise of stepping in it.

Do your part when you're out with your pup:

- Bring a bag (or two!)
- Scoop it up
- Tie it up and toss it in a trash bin

Whether you're on a quick neighborhood walk or hitting the trail, every bag makes a difference. Together, we can keep Littleton clean, healthy, and paws-itively enjoyable for all.

Scholarship Award Recipients



Left to Right: Melinda Hobausz, Ella Gearty, Jennifer Godin, Alana Delollis, Mary Herndon, Lidia Davis, Aaron Morse, Montana Gott, Elizabeth Estepp, Akshaya Ramesh, Fred Faulkner, Stella Austin, Kaylin O'Meara, Jenna Kivlin, Michaela Anjoorian, Aum Patel, Harish Ganesh, Robin Healy, Tvisha Nanda, Steve Venuti

Not in picture: Annie Li, Declan Reidy, Betsy Bohling—Trust Fund Commissioner

Parks, Recreation & Community Education



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The CLUB Afterschool
Program Phone: 978-884-1728

Seasonal Phone Numbers:

- Camp Tahattawan: 978-590-9622
- Beach: 978-540-2496 or 978-590-3220
- Teen Adventures Info: 978-540-2498
- Teen Adventures Field Trip: 978-884-1728

Library



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[View Book Top Choices](#)



July 2025 News & Events from the Reuben Hoar Library

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



Teen Room Programming

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.

Empire of the Saccharine Throne

-Saturday, July 5th at 10:30am and 2:00pm in the Murray Room

-Thursday, July 11th at 10:30 am and 2:00 pm in the Murray Room

-Saturday, July 19th at 10:30 am and 2:00 pm in the Murray Room

-Thursday, July 25th at 10:30am and 2:00 pm in the Murray Room

Library



Cyanotype Sunlight Photography

-Wednesday, July 9th at 1:00 pm in the Sturtz Meeting Room

Discover the fascinating art of cyanotypes with Megan Celona at this special workshop.

Cyanotypes are a historical photographic technique that renders rich blue monochrome prints on paper using sunlight! This workshop is exclusively for students ages 8-18 who want to explore the cyanotype process. Limited spots are available, so sign up now for a spot. Registration is required.



Adulting 101

Finding Support - Wednesday, July 9th at 6:00pm in the Murray Room

Building Your Future - Wednesday, July 23rd at 6:00 pm in the Murray Room

Teen Hip-Hop Masterclass with Jarell Howard Rochelle

-Tuesday, July 15th at 1:00pm in the Sturtz Meeting Room

Get ready to move, groove, and level up your dance skills with Jarell Howard Rochelle—an international performer, Professor at Salem State University, and alum of Fox's So You Think You Can Dance and PBS's Blackademics! This high-energy hip-hop masterclass will break down the dopest street dance styles, from New Jack to old-school flavor - teaching you how to dance with confidence and power! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned dancer, this class will push your creativity and For ages 11 to 19!



Teen Video Game Tournament

-Saturday, July 26th at 1:00 pm in the Teen Room

Teen Only Event! Win Prizes by testing your gaming skills!

Compete head-to-head with other players to become Littleton's Ultimate Gaming Champion!

This Week: Mario Kart 8 Deluxe

For Grades 6-12.

Teen Miniatures Painting

-Wednesday, July 16th at 3:00 pm in the Teen Room

Teen's Create: Shrinky Dinks

-Friday, July 18th at 1:00pm in the Sturtz Room

3D Print Workshop

-Tuesday, July 22nd at 6:00 pm in the Teen Room

Library



Children's Room Programming

Toddler Storytime

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

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

First Connections Play Group

-Wednesday, July 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th at 10:30am in the Sturtz Room

Ages and Stages Playgroup for Babies 6-15 Months

Held at Reuben Hoar Library, Littleton Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30

In this playgroup, babies will have the chance to play with some age-appropriate toys to support their development, based on the Ages and Stages Questionnaire. Caregivers will also have a chance to check in with one another and the facilitator to share wins, ask questions, and get support for challenges. We will also sing songs and read a book each week. All caregivers are welcome, but please make arrangements for older siblings to keep little ones safe.

If you would like to attend, email Linda Matthews at: lmatthews@jri.org to register.

P.J. Storytime with Local Autor: Gloria Cortina-Artis

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

Come in your PJ's, bring your favorite stuffie and join local author Gloria Cortina-Artis for some fun stories before you go to bed! This is a drop-in event.

Jungle Jim

-Tuesday, July 15th at 7:00pm in the Sturtz Room

Join us for Minecraft Madness, an action-packed, interactive performance that brings the world of Minecraft to life! In this exciting show, children will embark on an adventure filled with balloon artistry, magic, and thrilling challenges inspired by their favorite game.

Recommended for ages 4 and up. Jungle Jim is here tonight thanks to a Littleton Cultural Council grant and "The Friends of the RHL"



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RHL Reuben Hoar Library
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Origami Class for Kids ages 6 and up

- Wednesday, July 16th at 2:00pm in the Sturtz Room

Kim Napelone will teach some basic origami shapes. For ages 6 and up

The ancient art of origami: In Japanese, the work "ori" means "to fold" and the word "Kami" means "paper." So "origami" means "to fold paper." We will learn how important it is to follow directions and to make sharp folds, while creating several pieces of origami art such as Dog, Cat, Penguin, Fox, Heart and more.



Lindsay and her Puppet Pals

- Thursday, July 17th at 2:00 pm in the Sturtz Room



Lindsay's funny, fast-paced, and highly interactive variety show delights the young and the young at heart! Kids will meet several larger-than-life, hand-crafted puppets... Perhaps a goofy moose, a heroic tiger, or a lovable bear. Oh my! Maybe a dancing robot or flamingo, an adorable mouse, a stubborn goat, a shy dragon, or a singing dinosaur! Come find out who's making an appearance this time!

Lindsay has been performing full-time since 2011, performing for several thousand children each year. Through animated storytelling and thoughtful messaging, she hopes to inspire creative play, resilience, and empathy in even the youngest. She also believes shared joy and laughter strengthen communities.

This program is a great fit for ages 3-8 and families.

Busy Bees Play Time

- Monday, July 21st at 10:00 am in the Sturtz Meeting Room

All preschool aged children are invited with their caregivers to come and play in the RHL Sturtz Room! It will be a nice time to meet other parents while your children are busy bees and playing with others.

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Magical Ms. Kimberly's Musical Yoga

-Tuesday, July 22nd at 3:00 pm in the Sturtz Room

Learn how to use your magical powers of Kindness and Gratitude through Songs, Story, Yoga, Breath, and Positive Affirmations. Kimberly Redd weaves movement and breathing into her original nature centered kid songs! She comes dressed as a magical fairy, bringing her instruments, sound system, and whimsical energy! Participants learn tools for self-regulation, social emotional learning, and self-love, all while singing, moving and having fun. The show features music from Kimberly's new album, Dream Sequence! Geared towards children ages 3-8, yet all are welcome! Please register online.



Painting 101 with Julie Harrold

-Wednesday, July 23rd at 2:00 pm in the Sturtz Room



Art instructor Julie Harrold will guide participants step-by-step how to create this fun painting! This art class is for children 8 years and up. Sign up online as space is limited to 12 participants.

Please sign up online as space is limited.

Rising 5th/6th Grade Book Club

-Thursday, July 24th at 2:00 pm in the Sturtz Room

Join Miss Jennifer for a fun, interactive book club for kids who will enter 5th OR 6th grade this fall! We will eat, have a great discussion, and crafts and games may also be included. Please pick up your copy of All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook at the library's main desk beginning June 16.

Library



Come and Meet Sookie

-Tuesday, July 29th at 10:30am in the Children's Room

Sookie will be coming to the RHL with Jenn Feudo and some helpers. Come meet Therapy Dog Sookie, interact with her, engage in one of her favorite activities – reading, and learn about Therapy Dog teams and their role in the community and Littleton schools.



EcoTarium: Invisible Forces, Electricity, and Magnetism (Grades 3-8)

-Tuesday, July 29th at 2:00 pm

What's the foundation of hair-raising science? The answer may shock you! Get hands-on with electricity and magnetism through interactive demonstrations that reveal the invisible secrets of conductivity, polarity, and the forces of attraction.

Lego Club for ages 6 and up

-Wednesday, July 30th at 2:00pm in the Sturtz Room

Craft with Fuse Beads for ages 6 and up

-Thursday, July 31st at 2:00 pm in the Sturtz Room

Come in and create some designs using our large collection of fuse beads and grids.

Book Clubs:

Laid Back Book Club 2.0

-Tuesday, July 1st at 6:00pm in the Murray Room

Welcome to the Laid Back Book Club, a different kind of book club. There are no assigned readings, and you don't even have to talk if you don't want to. And you don't have to sign up. Just come to the library on the 1st Tuesday of the month with the book of your choice.

Cook Book Book Club

-Saturday July 26th at 11:30am in the Sturtz Room

A book club for people who love all things food: love to make it, love to read about it, and, of course, love to eat it! This is not a cooking competition: the goal is to have fun, share, and (maybe) learn. Please bring serving utensils. The Library will provide beverages (coffee, tea, and water), plates and utensils. Registration is required.

Contact Susan with any questions: spalmer@littletonlibrary.org

Elder & Human Services



If you need to cool down this summer, come to the Center on Shattuck Street Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:00pm.

To keep heat-related illnesses from becoming a dangerous heat stroke, remember to:

- Get out of the sun & into a cool, ideally airconditioned place.
- Drink fluids; avoid alcohol and caffeine.
- Shower, bathe, or sponge off with cool water.
- Lie down and rest.

Staying Safe in Hot Weather



Watch for these signs of hyperthermia:



Dizziness



Muscle cramps



Swelling in your ankles and feet



Nausea and weakness



Rapid pulse

Tips to prevent hot-weather illness:



Drink liquids



Limit caffeine and alcohol



Wear light-colored, loose fitting clothes



If it's too hot, try exercising indoors

Learn more about staying safe in hot weather at www.nia.nih.gov/hot-weather-safety.

Elder & Human Services



Blue Grass Jam Session **Wednesday July 9th, 12:00-2pm, MPR**

Do you love acoustic music? Do you play an acoustic instrument? Do you love to sing? Blue Grass Therapy will be hosting an open acoustic music jam on July 9th. We are an eclectic group of friendly, encouraging amateur musicians who love to make music together. All acoustic musicians are welcome — including beginners or simply the curious. We love an audience too! So listeners are welcome!

Questions regarding the Jam Session- please email Susan Cudmore: susan.cudmore@gmail.com
Please call (978) 540-2470 to register.

Beantown Bites: Food History **Monday July 28th, 2:00pm-3:00pm, Program Room 2**

From baked beans to Boston cream pie, the city's food traditions tell a story of history, culture, and innovation. Join food historian and author Clara Silverstein as she takes us on a delicious journey through Boston's most iconic dishes. Discover how Native American foodways, colonial cooking techniques, and immigrant influences shaped the flavors we know today. Learn the origins of beloved New England classics, explore fun historical food facts, and leave with inspiration to bring a taste of Boston into your own kitchen. Call (978) 540-2470 to register.

National Mac and Cheese Day Dinner **Monday, July 14th, 4:00pm, MPR**

Come celebrate National Mac and Cheese day with a delicious home cooked meal! \$5 per person. Please call to register (978) 540-2470, space is limited. Non-Littleton Residents can register for this event starting Tuesday, 7/8.

Elder & Human Services



Peter, Paul and Mary presented by Frank King **Wednesday July 16th, 3:00-4:00pm, MPR**

In this musical lecture you'll learn all about the premier group of the 1960s folk music revival – Peter, Paul & Mary, including: The backgrounds of all three individual singers, The interesting story of how they came together, The deep folk roots of their iconic first album in 1962, Highlights of their record-setting decade as a trio, The reasons for their breakup in 1970, Their personal lives and support of a multitude of liberal causes, And plenty of their music, including their Top 10 hits and a few of Mr. King's favorites Mr. King holds a Masters in Broadcasting from Boston University and a BA from Princeton. A lifelong devotee of recorded music, he formerly hosted music programs on WBUR radio, was a News Producer at WCVB TV, Channel 5, and an Assistant Professor at B.U.. His lectures draw from the music and art from his personal collection of over 2500 record albums.

Chords and Cannons: Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture **Wednesday July 30th, 1:00pm-2:30pm, Program Room 2**

Anyone who has ever watched the fireworks on the Boston Esplanade has heard Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture ...but what are the French national anthem and Russian folksongs doing in this Fourth of July favorite? Packed with drama and emotion, this Romantic masterpiece tells the story of a momentous historic event. How does the music relate the ebb and flow of fortune, and how did it become a beloved American tradition? We'll listen to this great work, interspersed with discussions about the composer, the historical context, and the story told through the music. This is an engaging and interactive presentation for both lifelong musicians and those who claim to know absolutely nothing about classical

Littleton Safe Return

This program includes a form that a family member with a loved one who may wander from home completes so that if that person goes missing, the first responders have information on where the person may go and the best places to look immediately. Any person who may be at risk to wander is welcome in the program (ex: TBI, Developmental Disabilities, etc.)

The information is only used when the Police are called upon to respond to the missing person and includes a photo of the person.

How to Participate:

Littleton Safe Return forms may be picked up at the Police Station or Center on Shattuck Street or at:
www.littletonma.org/police-department



Police Dept



May 2025

Calls	1906
911	286
Arrests	6
Incidents	90
Citations	98
Crashes	26



This week, Chief Pinard and Officer Abu were guests on the “01460: On the Go” podcast, hosted by Select Board Chair Karen Morrison and Town Administrator Jim Duggan!

They engaged in a thoughtful conversation covering various topics, including department operations, training initiatives, grant funding opportunities, and what lies ahead for the Littleton Police Department (LPD). We are grateful for the opportunity to connect with the community and share the work being done every day to keep Littleton safe and informed. Click link to watch the episode,

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jyFxl_Cl4aE

Congratulations to LPD’s newest Patrol Officer Noah Graham! Noah graduated from MPTC Boylston Police Academy today. Noah has been a communications officer with LPD and grew up in Littleton. Please welcome him to his new position with the town!





Fire Dept



NOW HIRING FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

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INCLUDES \$10K PARAMEDIC STIPEND, UNIFORM STIPEND & HOLIDAY PAY. CURRENT TOP STEP FOR THIS POSITION IS \$96,099

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Candidate(s) will be required to complete the MFA Recruit.

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Application form at littletonma.org/Jobs

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

July 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <u>4th of July Ice cream party featuring "Elvis"</u>	2	3	4 Town Offices Closed	5
6	7 <u>Conservation Commission - Public Hearing: 18 Pleasant Street - July 8th, 2025 @ 7:45 PM - Virtual via Zoom</u> <u>Conservation Commission - Public Hearing: 550 King Street - July 8th, 2025 @ 8:00 PM - Virtual via Zoom</u>	8	9 <u>Planning Board Meeting - July 10th, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)</u>	10	11 <u>Littleton Police Student Academy</u>	12 <u>Littleton Police Student Academy</u>
13 <u>Littleton Police Student Academy</u>	14 <u>Select Board Meeting - July 14th, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)</u>	15 <u>Littleton Police Student Academy</u> <u>Rhode Island lighthouse cruise</u>	16 <u>Littleton Police Student Academy</u>	17 <u>Community Preservation Committee Meeting - Hybrid: In-Person Room 103 (Town Hall) & Virtually via Zoom</u>	18 <u>Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - July 17th, 2025 @ 7:00 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)</u>	19
20	21 <u>Charter Committee Meeting - July 21st, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)</u>	22 <u>Conservation Commission - Public Hearing: 18 Pleasant Street - July 22nd, 2025 @ 7:45 PM - Virtual via Zoom</u> <u>Conservation Commission - Public Hearing: 31 Matawanakee Trail - July 22nd, 2025 @ 8:00 PM - Virtual via Zoom</u> <u>Dirigible Brewery Tour</u>	23	24	25	26
27	28 <u>Select Board Meeting - July 28th, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)</u>	29	30	31		

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.

For more information visit - <https://www.littletonma.org/551/Boards-Committees>.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

CLEAN LAKES COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE FOR THE EXPLORATION OF REAL ESTATE TAX RELIEF FOR SENIORS

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

COUNCIL ON AGING

CULTURAL COUNCIL

DISABILITY COMMISSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

LITTLETON COMMUNITY TELEVISION (LCTV) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

TAXATION AID COMMITTEE

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Conservation Commission



Dear Littleton Residents,

Happy July from the Conservation Department! As we enter the heart of summer, it's a perfect time to get outside and enjoy the beautiful open spaces our town has to offer. This month's newsletter is packed with updates, and seasonal tips to help you stay engaged with nature while protecting Littleton's natural resources.

Conservation Land Spotlight: Long Lake Park

Looking for a cool place to beat the heat? **Long Lake Park** offers shaded walking trails, picnic areas, and peaceful shoreline views. Perfect for families, hikers, and birdwatchers alike.

Reminder: Kayaking and paddleboarding are permitted, but please respect posted wildlife protection zones.



Summer Stewardship Tips

Keep Littleton's conservation areas healthy this summer by following these guidelines:

Stay on designated trails to protect fragile plant life.

Leash and clean up after pets—it's the law and help protect wildlife.

Pack in, pack out: If you bring it with you, take it home!

Did You Know?

A single mature tree can cool the surrounding air by up to 10°F— a great reason to protect Littleton's tree canopy!

Thank you for helping us protect Littleton's natural beauty and biodiversity. See you on the trails!

<https://www.littletonma.org/620/Conservation-Commission>

Planning



495/MetroWest Partnership's COMMUNITY PROFILE Littleton, MA



The 495/MetroWest Partnership is a unique public-private collaboration among businesses, municipalities, and other stakeholders focused on creating an environment that prepares for and cultivates sustainable growth across the 36-community region, including Littleton. Each year, the 495/MetroWest Partnership publishes economic and demographic profiles for each community. Please see Littleton's 2025 Community Profile below.

The 495/MetroWest Partnership also publishes an annual Strength in Numbers Report highlighting the advantages of locating and doing business within the region. Strength in Numbers Report is available at: <https://mecc.memberclicks.net/assets/StrengthInNumbers/495MWP%20Strength%20in%20Numbers%202025.pdf>.

"The 495/MetroWest Partnership strives to provide each of our communities with data and insights to explore what industries are driving their local economies, where local workers are coming from, where residents who leave town for work are commuting to, and how a community's strengths and challenges compare to those of the state and region."

**- Jason Palitsch, 495/MetroWest Partnership
Executive Director**



LITTLETON, MA: 2025

Population:
10,150

Median Household Income:
\$146,250

Per Capita Income:
\$64,913

Planning



Socioeconomic

Race:

White 84.0%
Black or African American 0.6%
Asian 9.4%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race) 2.5%
Other/Multiracial 6.0%

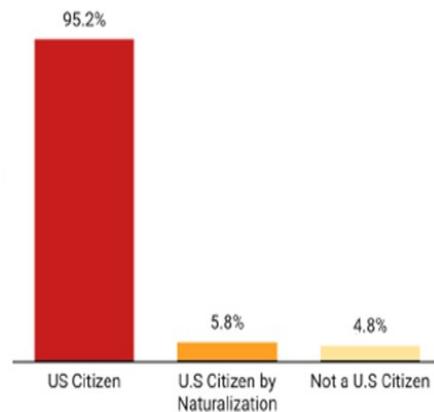
Littleton 495/MW MA Population Growth 2013-2023



Residents 25+ with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher



Citizenship:

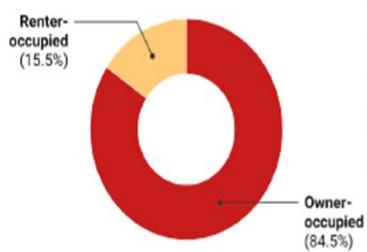


Housing

Total Housing Units: 3,858

Vacant Housing Units: 211

Housing Tenure:



Cost Burden:



Year Structure Built:

2000 or later (27%)
1980-1999 (20%)
1960-1979 (16%)
1959 or earlier (37%)

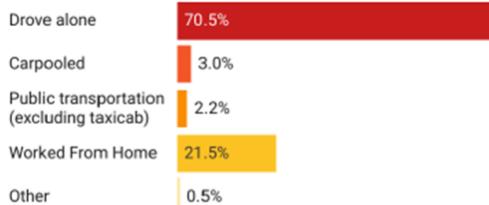


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Commuting

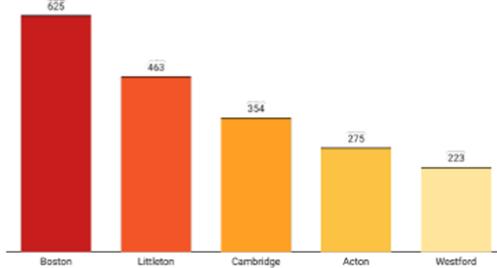
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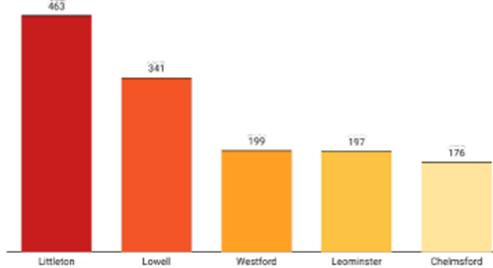
Inflow/Outflow



Top Communities Workers Commute To:



Top Communities Workers Commute From:



Key Industries

Top Industries by Average Employment (Q2 - 2024)



Labor Force:

5,920

2024 Industry Data

Total Payroll Dollars:

\$563,606,700

Average Weekly Wages:

\$1,600

Average Monthly Employment:

6,773

Number of Business Establishments:

412

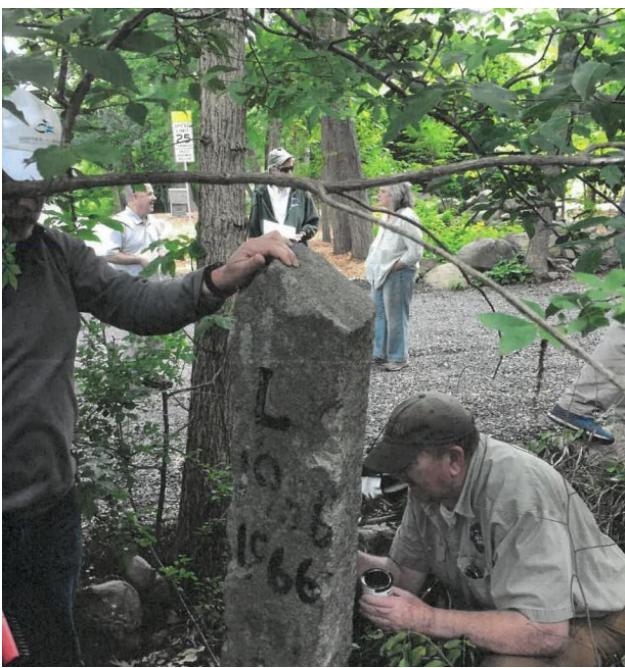
Top Industries by Number of Establishments (Q2 - 2024)



On June 2, representatives from Littleton and Acton joined in the marking the border between our two towns. These markers are located along the town borders where a road crosses the town boundaries or where the border changes direction. They were placed in the 1800s and are supposed to located every 5 years (but it has been awhile!)



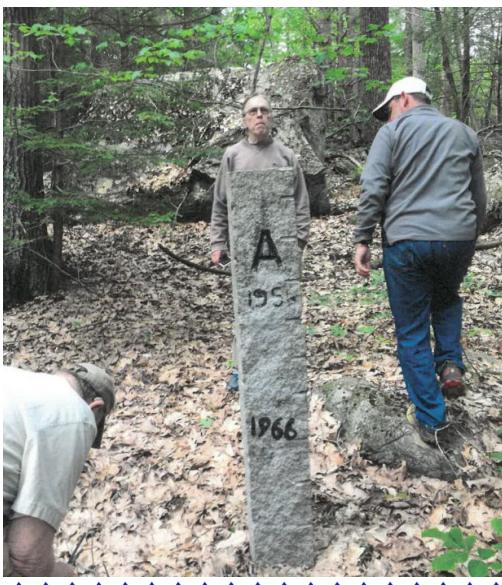
Mark Rambacher, Select Board Member; Linda Stein, Historical Commission Chair; Andrea Curran (resident behind the scenes, submitting pictures) along with representatives from Acton, marking the Town Boundaries.



We located and painted the markers on Newtown Road, Fort Pond Road, Nagog Hill Road, and in the Acton Water District by Nagog Pond. We located the marker at Nashoba Road, but it was broken and in need of repair. The marker at the corner of Acton, Littleton, and Boxboro is missing – it would be in the middle of the Route 2 on ramp). We plan to meet up with Westford in the future and mark the boundary (near Bobby's Ranch).



It was great to get out and meet neighbors from the surrounding communities. We plan to locate and refresh the other border markings. If anyone is familiar with their locations or would like to join us, please reach out!



School Committee



Greetings from the Littleton School Committee!

As the school year comes to a close, it's time to reflect on the many accomplishments of our students and staff. Littleton Public Schools remains one of the top districts in the state by many measures, which reflects the commitment, creativity, and compassion of our teachers and leaders. We have much to be proud of, and would like to express our gratitude to our staff as they head out to some well-deserved time off. (While also recognizing that many teachers and leaders continue their professional learning over the summer, maintaining a high level of educational practice in our schools.)

We would also like to thank our superintendent, Dr. Kelly Clenchy, for his leadership this year. In particular, his long-range fiscal planning has ensured that Littleton Public Schools is able to continue providing high quality programming even during difficult financial times. Budget considerations are always a key focus. Dr. Clenchy has taken an active role in collaborating with the Select Board and Finance Committee to mitigate the tax impact of the proposed new Shaker Lane School. The analysis of the cost of a new school versus the cost of doing nothing is particularly compelling. We encourage you to visit the school to learn more on August 14 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm (6:30 pm tour, 7:15 pm info session). For more information, please see a slide deck that was shared with the joint Town Committees on June 9 here: [Shaker Lane School Project Update](#).

The end of the school year brought many celebrations of our students and their accomplishments. Fourth grade students combined their mapping and coding skills to create imaginative "Root Robot Region Road Trips". Working in teams, they designed virtual summer road trips across different regions. The project challenged them to research and include various landmarks, capital cities, and points of interest in their itineraries. Then they programmed robots to move along their designated routes. It was a fantastic way for them to collaborate, problem-solve, and see the practical applications of coding and mapping in a fun, creative way. [See the short video here!](#)

Students from PreK through high school embraced the spirit of innovation by tackling a month-long challenge inspired by the story of Caine's Arcade. Our aspiring engineers were tasked with designing and building their very own cardboard arcade games, applying the principles of the Engineering Design Process. To see our amazing engineers in action, check out [the closing video](#) to witness the excitement and innovation firsthand.

Finally, please enjoy the [Littleton Public Schools End-of-Year Slideshow](#), featuring our fantastic students. Wishing everyone a safe and fun summer!

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Additional Town Resources



[Littleton Public School District](#)



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- * [What is the Current Population in Littleton per Census?](#)
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★ GF = Gluten Free

★ V = Vegan

★ VT = Vegetarian

★ [Fresh & Healthy 7-Layer Dip VT](#)

★ [Hot Honey & Basil Pepperoni Pizza Dip](#)

★ [Easy + Cheesy Southwest Bean Dip](#)

★ [10-Minute Smoked Salmon Pinwheels](#)

★ [Greek Salad Pinwheels VT](#)

★ [Buffalo Chicken Meatballs with Bleu Cheese Yogurt Dip](#)

★ [Garlic Fingerling Potatoes \(roasted or grilled!\) V, GF](#)

★ [Sesame Chicken Cabbage Crunch Salad](#)

★ [Summer Strawberry Spinach Salad with Avocado VT, GF](#)

★ [Healthy Summer Broccoli Salad V, GF](#)

★ [How to Grill Amazing Burgers \(plus recipes!\)](#)

★ [How to Grill Pizza that's Crispy, Chewy and Ready in only 15 Minutes VT](#)

★ [Incredible Slow Cooker Pulled Chicken Sandwiches GF](#)

★ [Chipotle Chicken Tostadas with Pineapple Salsa GF](#)

★ [Crazy Good Street Corn Chicken Tacos GF](#)



Summer BBQ Recipes

