

Town of Littleton Newsletter



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August 2025



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.

Message From Your Select Board

Town Directory

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We have had a productive month on the Select Board. Some highlights include:

We thanked John Boroski, our Veterans Agent, for his service to the Town. John is retiring but will be staying on during transition to a new Veteran's Agent. We appreciate everything John has done for Littleton's veterans, and for the Town.

We wish Kirby Dolak the best on his retirement after twelve + years at LCTV. Kirby spent much of his time servicing Boxborough as well as Littleton. Thank you for all you've done to help keep Littleton informed, Kirby!

The Police Union contract was signed at our June 23 meeting. A warrant article to raise and appropriate funding for the contract will be included at the October 28, 2025 Special Town Meeting.

Now that the Center on Shattuck Street is up and running (stop by and check it out!) the Select Board discussed traffic patterns and speed limits on Shattuck Street. Anyone who would like to share their thoughts is encouraged to email the SelectBoard@littletonma.org and Town Administrator Jim Duggan at JDuggan@littletonma.org.

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small
town living!*



Message From Your Select Board



Lupoli Companies published a draft environmental impact report (DEIR). You can read the report [here](#). Details on how to submit comments on the report electronically or via postal mail can be found [here](#). Comments are due August 15, 2025. The Select Board has directed the Town Administrator to work with our departments to identify and quantify impacts of the development.

Finally, I want to take a moment to ask you to mark your calendar now for October 28, 2025, so that you can attend Special Town Meeting, where we will be voting on the new Shaker Lane Building Project. The vote on the new Shaker Lane building will have a critical impact on the future direction of the Town. Take some time now to review the wealth of information available on the new Shaker Lane School Building Project so that you are informed, and check in frequently to see the latest updates. [This is the website for the project](#). On the website you will find dates for future tours of Shaker Lane so you can see for yourself why the current building conditions require a new school. You can see a presentation with the latest design, use the tax impact calculator, and review Frequently Asked Questions. You can also submit questions about the project using a Google form. Just click on "Make Your Voice Heard" on the project homepage, or [click here](#).

As the new school year begins later this month, please be on the lookout for our youngest pedestrians and enjoy the last days of summer!

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Check out our [podcast](#)!

From the Desk of the Town Administrator



Over the course of many months, I expressed support for building a new Shaker Lane School. Surprisingly (for Littleton), a resident had a recent witticism for me; "...it's not going to cost you anything because you don't live here!"



Progress through community development hinges on strategic investments that foster economic vitality, social cohesion, and educational excellence. When any local official advocates for building a new school, the decision often involves complex considerations, including financial commitments, infrastructural changes, and community values. A pertinent question arises when the official does not reside within the community: should residents support such advocacy? The answer lies in understanding the broader implications of leadership, community well-being, and shared benefits that surpass individual residency.

As your Town Administrator, I serve as a steward of the community's welfare, entrusted with guiding development, infrastructure, and public services. My advocacy for a new school stems from my professional duty to enhance local quality of life, for all residents-current and future generations, regardless of whether I live here. Since I started this career, I've been led by a value my parents instilled in me that leaders are expected to prioritize community interests over personal ties. My priority is ensuring that my decisions reflect the collective needs, rather than personal preferences.

Modern facilities provide students with up-to-date resources, technology, and safe environments conducive to learning. This investment can improve academic achievement, student retention, and overall educational quality.

One of the vital components for companies deciding whether to invest in a community is the quality of the school system. New schools can stimulate local economies by creating jobs during construction and operation. They also attract families seeking high-quality education, which increases demand for housing, retail, and other local services.

A well-designed school, like the proposed new Shaker Lane School serves as a community hub, fostering social interactions and inclusivity. Supporting the new school will align community-wide benefits, emphasizing a collective pursuit of growth and prosperity.

Over the course of my 30-year career, I've seen firsthand how schools contribute to community resilience. Yes, the proposed Shaker Lane School is Pre-K through 2nd grade, but the foundation must start early! Introducing our youth to basic skills that will be built upon through Littleton's impressive school system is paramount to supporting a vibrant young population.

Building a community-oriented institution, like a school, senior center, library, park, etc., is inherently a responsibility shared amongst us all. Even though I'm not a resident of Littleton, my encouragement reflects the appreciation that education is a shared asset.

From the Desk of the Town Administrator



Positions of leadership (Elected Officials, Town Administrator/Manager, Superintendent) in any community are often tasked with long-term planning and strategic visioning. The advocacy for a new Shaker Lane School is supported through analyses involving demographic trends, building condition assessments, and educational needs. The residents of Littleton have done an exemplary job in recent years supporting requests that will ensure our town remains proactive in addressing future challenges, such as investments identified in the paragraph above.



A project of this magnitude will always face opposition, and understandably so, due to concerns over costs and tax implications. However, please recognize the decision to propose a new school was/is motivated by data and a desire to provide Littleton children and staff with a modern, *safe* facility.

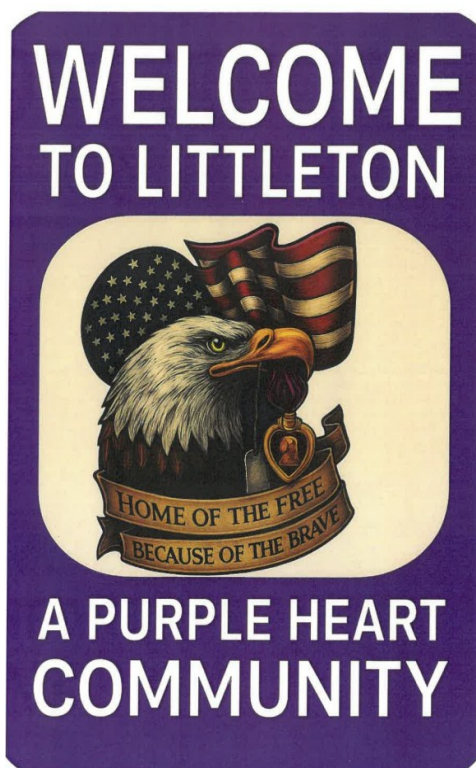
In closing, my advocacy for a new school—even though I don't live in the community—is based in my belief that good leadership prioritizes shared community benefits, strategic planning, and ethical responsibility. The new Shaker Lane School Building project embodies a forward-looking, inclusive approach to community development, where decisions are based on the collective good, rather than our individual interests.

Supporting the proposed new Shaker Lane School becomes not just an endorsement of a facility, but a testament to Littleton's commitment to growth and shared success. It demonstrates how Littleton's identity is rooted in collective goals that exceed individual boundaries, ultimately shaping a vibrant, resilient, and prosperous community for generations to come.

Town Clerk



As we have stated in the past, please be careful in all that you do for the summer. There are a couple of solicitors out there that DO NOT have permits to be soliciting our Town. Please do not hesitate to contact the non-emergency number at the Littleton Police Department 978-540-2300. Do not wait until they are out of sight. Try to get as much information as possible about the person trying to get you to purchase products from them. Examples would be build, color of hair, eyes, clothing, vehicle or if they are riding a segway. Most importantly, DO NOT let them in your home. We will be changing how Littleton handles these by changing our by-law this fall making it easier for our residents. Until then, use caution.



On a happier note, many of you know from an earlier newsletter, Littleton is now an official PURPLE HEART COMMUNITY. A Purple Heart Community is one that has or had a serviceman or servicewoman that received a Purple Heart. Littleton has many veterans that have received the Purple Heart that we are aware of. We are still searching for names that we may not know of. Do you have a friend or relative that live or lived in Littleton that received a Purple Heart? Let us know so that we can honor them.

Those that will be honored in August will be:
Ernest Stackpole, Richard Sherry, Andrew Lovelace,
John B Hartwell, Robert B Learmonth Jr., Milton Parrot,
Thomas George Nelson (recipient of several Purple Hearts),
Emmanuel Rempelakis, Clifton Stevens, Bernard Halpin,
Donald S Partridge, Paul McCarthy, Henry Christle,
Zachary D Tellier (who received two purple hearts).

The Town will be holding our first official Purple Heart Appreciation Day on Thursday, August 7th at 9am at the Littleton Common followed by fellowship at the Littleton VFW Post 21 Taylor Street, sponsored by the Friends of the Littleton Veterans.

Please contact the Clerk's Office at 978-540-2401 or email at townclerk@littletonma.org if you have any questions.

If you are new to Town be sure to stop by and register to vote and welcome to Littleton.

Dog licenses, business certificates, census, marriage licenses and vitals are all ongoing.

Be safe and enjoy your summer!

550 King Street Draft Environmental Impact Report



Lupoli Development team has filed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for King Street Common (EEA#16921), the large mixed-use redevelopment project at 550 King Street and 410 Great Road.

Click this [LINK](#) for more details and the Full Draft Report

The Project as outlined in the DEIR is planned to include the following elements:

- 1,089 residential units
- 115,500 sf of Retail
- 19,000 sf of Office
- 545,520 sf of Light Industrial Use (Including two large existing buildings, former IBM), and
- A 111,000 sf hotel (150-rooms)
- A total of 3,010 parking spaces are proposed

Employment Opportunities - as of published date

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

[Police Officer](#)

[Communications Officer—Part Time](#)

[EHS Van Driver](#)

[*Download an
Application Here*](#)



DPW Updates



- ⇒ Roadwork is progressing on the Phase 1 portion of Foster Street. When complete this will be all new water line, drainage, a shared use path and new roadway. This project is funded and constructed through MassDOT's TIP program.
- ⇒ Roadway resurfacing has been completed on Ipswich Drive, Suffolk Dr, Roxbury Dr, Ernies Dr, Checkerberry Lane and Uplands Road.
- ⇒ Fall roadway resurfacing will include a portion of Newtown Road, Mill Road, a portion of Harvard Road and Beaver Brook Road. More roadways may be added.
- ⇒ Annual roadway crack sealing will begin early in the fall.
- ⇒ A Notice of Intent was filed with the Conservation Commission for restoration work at the constructed wetland, more commonly known as the Frog Pond on Lakeshore Drive. Depending on approvals, the work may be completed this fall.
- ⇒ Bids were received for Rectangular Rapid Flash Beacons (RRFB's) for the Crosswalks along the Goldsmith St corridor. The installation of these is expected to be completed by the middle of September. MassDOT is providing the Littleton DPW with a set of RRFB's for the crossing at the Shaker Lane school. This set is expected to be installed in October. MassDOT is also working on installation of RRFB's at 300 King Street, King Street near the Pondside apartments and Baldwin Hill Road at King Street.

Health Department



Welcome to Our New Public Health Nurse, Dr. Susan Sama!

We are excited to welcome Dr. Susan Sama, who joined the Littleton Health Department on July 1st as the Town's very first Public Health Nurse. Dr. Sama brings more than 20 years of experience in public health, with a strong background in epidemiologic research, fieldwork, and data analysis. She holds a Doctor of Science (Sc.D.) in Work Environment, with a concentration in Epidemiology. Dr. Sama is a shared resource with the Town of Acton, and we are thrilled to have her expertise and dedication supporting the health and well-being of our community.

Back-to-School Immunizations: Is Your Child Up to Date?

As the new school year approaches, it's a great time to review your child's immunization records. Massachusetts state law requires certain vaccines for school attendance, including Tdap, MMR, and meningococcal vaccines, depending on grade level. These vaccinations help keep our schools safe and healthy for everyone.

Check with your child's healthcare provider or the school nurse if you're unsure.

Building Department

The link below is information you need to know regarding
760 CMR Accessory Dwelling

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/760-cmr-71-protected-use-accessory-dwelling-units/download>

Library



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

View Book Top Choices



August 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, August 2nd at 10:30am and 2:00pm in the Murray Room
- Friday, August 8th at 10:30 am and 2:00 pm in the Murray Room

Adulthood 101

Taking Care of Yourself – August 6th at 6:00pm in the Murray Room



Library



Teen Escape Room

-Saturday, August 9th at 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm in the Sturtz Room

Escape from the Wizards Tower.

Follow the journal entries, gather ingredients, & cast spells in this fun Escape Room hosted by Wicked Fun Games.

You and your friends have an hour to escape this wizard's keep!

Register Now to save your spot in this unique program this summer!

Tye Dye Event for Kids and Teens

-Tuesday, August 12th at 1:00 pm in the Sturtz Room

Bring your own white cotton clothing (could be a tee shirt or something else) to Tie Dye. Add some new color to your wardrobe!

Join us on the patio for some summer tie dye fun! (Rainy Day location Sturtz Room!)

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.

Wildlife Encounters Presents: Junior Zookeeper Encounter

-Tuesday, August 5th Lawn behind old RHL

Junior Zookeeper Encounter Since 2004, this has been our most popular program!

This live-animal educational presentation offer by the Wildlife Encounters Ecology Center is designed to be delivered over 45-60 minutes, and generally includes a diverse selection of our Ambassador Animals presented by one of our skilled Eco-Educators and occasionally an assistant.



Library



First Connections Play Group

-Wednesday, August 6th & 13th at 10:30am in the Sturtz Room

Ages and Stages Playgroup for Babies 6-15 Months

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.

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

P.J. Storytime with a special guest!

-Wednesday, August 6th 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.

Busy Bees Play Time

-Monday, August 11th 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.

Painting with Julie Harrold

- Wednesday, August 13th at 2pm 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.

Magician: Mike Bent

-Thursday, August 14th at 7:00pm in the Sturtz Room

Guess who? is back with an all-new summer magic program! Game On! is designed to showcase books along with fun, positive and inspirational messages.

Magician Mike Bent will be here to do his hilarious magic show! Using comedy, amazing magic tricks that BOGGLE the mind, games, music, sound effects and riveting storytelling, this show will help even the most reluctant readers build fun association with books, and inspire kids to read all summer long.



Library



Adult Programming

Musical Adventures on the Water: The Moldau Scheherazade

-Saturday, August 23rd at 2pm in the Sturtz Room



Rimsky-Korsakov's dramatic symphonic poem Scheherazade features a captivating storyteller who spins a new tale every night, from Sinbad's voyages on the stormy seas to a festival in Baghdad. Smetana's engaging Moldau takes listeners on a river trip through his beloved Czech countryside, passing rustic weddings, hunting parties, medieval castles and moonlit river nymphs along the way. We'll listen to the music, interspersed with discussions on the composers, the cultural and historical context, and the stories depicted in each piece. Whether you are a life-long fan of classical music or have never stepped inside a concert hall -- come sail with us!

Book Clubs:

Laid Back Book Club 2.0

-Tuesday, August 5th 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.

Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club

-Tuesday, August 19th at 6:30pm in the Murray Room

The Sci-Fi Fantasy Book Club features an eclectic selection of books for casual discussion for all interested. This run, we are focusing on two book series:

The Murderbot Diaries, Martha Wells

The Southern Reach, Jeff VanderMeer

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 from August to April.

Those interested in joining on Zoom, contact librarian Jeff Henry at jhenry@littletonlibrary.org

Cook Book Book Club

-Saturday, August 30th at 11:30am in the Sturtz Room



Police Dept



June 2025

Calls	1635
911	276
Arrests	8
Incidents	87
Citations	47
Crashes	20



The Littleton Police Department is currently hiring 2 Police Officer positions. All applicants are required to complete the application form found on the Town's website at <https://www.littletonma.org/.../employment-opportunities>.

Resumes may be attached to the application form as additional information, but cannot serve as a substitute for completing the employment application. Send application materials with cover letter to: Police Chief, Littleton Police Department, 500 Great Road, Littleton, MA 01460. Application materials can be emailed to Chief Matthew Pinard at mpinard@littletonpd.com.

Student Academy:

The Littleton Police Department hosted its largest-ever Student Academy class in July, providing participants with an engaging and hands-on experience. Throughout the program, students received instruction and training in leadership and patrol procedures, participated in drills, and took part in a formal ceremony. The academy also featured visits and demonstrations from several agencies, including the Massachusetts State Police Air Wing and Mounted Unit, the NEMLEC Motor Unit, and various K9 teams, offering students a comprehensive look into modern law enforcement.





Fire Dept



Littleton FD would like to acknowledge our three members who are graduating from the Massachusetts Fire Academy in Stow on Friday, August 8th 2025.
Nicholas Corcoran, Logan Leblanc and Christopher Waggett!



Littleton Fire is proud to introduce the newest apparatus to our fleet:

Our new ambulance, Medical 1, is a 2023 Chevrolet 5500 4x4 Type 1.

It contains a Stryker Power Load for the stretcher, 74" interior headroom, a liquid spring suspension system and is equipped with Whelen M series warning lights.

Medical 1 is currently undergoing inspections, outfitting, etc., and once complete will then be in service for the Town of Littleton.



Please help us welcome the newest member of the Littleton Fire Department, Kyle Halliday!

Kyle is a Firefighter/Paramedic and is originally from Fitchburg, MA.

He is currently in his two week onboarding phase, working with all 4 Duty Crews.

Calendar of Meetings & Events

Check website for updates, additions & cancellations

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



August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat 
					1	2 Bumblebee Park Weed Warrior Event
3	4 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting - August 4th, 2025 @ 4:00 PM - Virtual via Zoom	5 Conservation Commission Meeting - August 5th, 2025 @ 7:30 PM - Virtual via Zoom	6	7 Planning Board Meeting - August 7th, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall) Planning Board - Public Hearing: Stormwater Management Permit, K137, L138, 337 Right-of-Way Easement - August 7th, 2025 @ 6:55 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall) Purple Heart Ceremony August 7th 9am Littleton Common	8	9
10	11 Select Board Meeting - August 11th, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)	12 Littleton Conservation Trust Park and Recreation Commission Meeting	13	14 Annual Summer BBQ with our Legislators	15	16
17	18 Charter Committee Meeting - August 18th, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)	19 Affordable Housing Trust Meeting - August 19th, 2025 @ 6:30 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall) Conservation Commission - Public Hearing: 87 Tahattawan Road - August 19th, 2025 @ 7:45 PM - Virtual via Zoom	20 Community Preservation Committee Meeting - Hybrid: In-Person Room 103 (Town Hall) & Virtually via Zoom	21 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting - August 21st, 2025 @ 7:00 PM - Room 103 (Town Hall)	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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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://littletonmaboards.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.

APPOINTED BY THE SELECT BOARD:

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Two (2) members (engaged in farming, employed in the agricultural field and/or with knowledge/experience in agricultural practices / business) - term expiring June 30, 2027

One (1) citizens-at-large - term expiring June 30, 2028

One (1) member (engaged in farming, employed in agricultural field and/or with knowledge/experience in agricultural practices / business) - term expiring June 30, 2028

COMMITTEE FOR THE EXPLORATION OF REAL ESTATE TAX RELIEF FOR SENIORS

Two (2) members – term expiring June 30, 2028

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

One (1) member – term expiring June 30, 2028

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

DISABILITY COMMISSION

One (1) member with a disability (or family member) - term expiring June 30, 2028

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Two (2) members – No expiration date

LITTLETON COMMUNITY TELEVISION (LCTV) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

One (1) member - term expiring June 30, 2028

MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

One (1) member - term expiring June 30, 2028

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

PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

One (1) member – terms expiring June 20, 2028

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APPOINTED BY THE SELECT BOARD:

PERMANENT MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

One (1) member – term expiring June 30, 2029

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

One (1) members – terms expiring June 20, 2028

TAXATION AID COMMITTEE

One (1) member - terms expiring June 30, 2028

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Two (2) member – term expiring June 30, 2028

One (1) alternate - term expiring June 30, 2026

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

One (1) alternate - term expiring June 30, 2028

APPOINTED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

APPOINTED BY LELWD (Littleton Electric Light and Water Department)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

One (1) member - term expiring June 30, 2028

Conservation Commission



LEARN HOW TO MANAGE INVASIVE PLANTS



Bumblebee Park Weed Warrior Event



WHEN: Saturday, August 2nd 9:00am – 11:00am

WHERE: Bumblebee Park, Harwood Ave

Parking lot is located on Bumblebee Lane

WHAT TO EXPECT: Learn methods of how to identify, manage, and effectively remove invasive plants. Please bring water to stay hydrated, as well as gloves if you have them.

REGISTER AT: <https://tinyurl.com/weedwarriorregistration>

Conservation Commission



Conservation Spotlight: Invasive Species

Invasives are non-native species that can outcompete native plants and cause huge negative economic and ecological impacts. Learn more about common invasives and disposal here:

https://ma-littleton.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/5618/groton_properdisposalbrochure-printable.



Asian Bittersweet

A fast-growing vine that can smother trees and other vegetation. Round leaves, with yellow berries that turn scarlet red as they mature. Great to remove now before berries are fully mature!



Japanese Knotweed

Creates dense stands with bamboo-like stalks. Egg-shaped leaves and small, white flowers from August-September. Can regrow from roots or stem fragments, so try to remove the entire root system!



Burning Bush

A common ornamental shrub with neon-red fall color. Forms dense thickets that outcompete native species. Brown, corky "wings" run up and down each stem. Banned for sale, remove the entire root ball.

Water Conservation Tips

Help conserve water to ensure there is enough water for our people, wildlife, and the environment – now and in the future.

- ◇ Use natural mulch to reduce evaporation and moderate soil temperature
- ◇ If possible, switch to hand-held watering or drip irrigation to deliver water directly to plant roots
- ◇ Water after 5PM or before 9AM to avoid the heat of the day and minimize evaporative losses
- ◇ Choose native plants that need less water!

Thank you for helping us protect Littleton's natural beauty and biodiversity. See you outside!
<https://www.littletonma.org/620/Conservation-Commission>

Planning



Hazard Mitigation Plan Congratulations! The Town of Littleton's Hazard Mitigation Plan has received its formal approval from FEMA Region 1. Please see the Formal Approval letter below. This plan approval now enables the Town to be eligible to apply for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Programs. The plan is good for a period of five years from the approval date in the letter.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency encourages all Towns and Municipalities to create and adopt a Hazard Mitigation Plan to identify local risks and vulnerabilities to develop long-term strategies for protecting residents and property from such hazards.

The Littleton Hazard Mitigation Team – including Police, Fire, DPW, Town Administrator, EHS, Conservation, LELWD, Health, Sustainability, and Select Board worked with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) to update Littleton's 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan. This new HMP considers many strategies for Littleton to mitigate local environment hazards – natural and man-made. The new plan will also open opportunities for Littleton to receive federal funding to address local risks and vulnerabilities.

The environmental and emergency preparedness specialists at MAPC brought a wealth of experience and depth of knowledge for moving this Hazard Mitigation Plan forward. They assisted in bringing Littleton's Hazard Mitigation Plan into Final Approval by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This work was funded by a MEMA/FEMA Grant with a local funding match. At their June 23rd, 2025, meeting, the Select Board voted on and signed the Certificate of Adoption to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan.



FEMA



For additional information, please reach out to Maren Toohill at 978-540-2425, or visit the Hazard Mitigation Plan page of the Town website at <https://littletonma.org/1124/Littleton-Hazard-Mitigation-Plan--UPDAT>.

Planning—FEMA Formal Approval Letter



July 21, 2025



Dawn Brantley, Director
Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
400 Worcester Road
Framingham, MA

Director Brantley:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 1 Mitigation Division has approved the *Town of Littleton Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update* effective **July 21, 2025** through **July 20, 2030** in accordance with the planning requirements of the Robert T. Stafford Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 201.

Mitigation plans may include additional content to meet Element H: Additional State Requirements or content the local government included beyond applicable FEMA mitigation planning requirements. FEMA approval does not include the review or approval of content that exceeds these applicable FEMA mitigation planning requirements.

With this plan approval, the Town of Littleton, MA is eligible to apply to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency for mitigation grants administered by FEMA. Requests for funding will be evaluated according to the eligibility requirements identified for each of these programs. A specific mitigation activity or project identified in this community's plan may not meet eligibility requirements for FEMA funding; even eligible mitigation activities or projects are not automatically approved.

The plan must be updated and resubmitted to the FEMA Region 1 Mitigation Division for approval every five years to remain eligible for FEMA mitigation grant funding.

Thank you for your continued commitment and dedication to risk reduction demonstrated by preparing and adopting a strategy for reducing disaster losses. Should you have any questions, please contact Brigitte Ndikum-Nyada at 617-378-7951 or brigitte.ndikum.nyada@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Christopher Markesich
Floodplain Management and Insurance Branch Chief
Mitigation Division DHS, FEMA Region 1

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MA Housing Choice Initiative and Littleton August 2025 – Town Planner Update

The Massachusetts Housing Choice Initiative provides incentives, rewards, and technical assistance to encourage and empower municipalities to plan and build the diverse housing stock needed. Littleton's housing goals align closely with the State's Housing Choice Initiative. In April 2025, Littleton applied to the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (HLC) for renewal of our Housing Choice Community Designation (HC). In mid-July, we received notice from HLC that Littleton's Housing Choice Community Designation was extended to 2030.

Littleton's housing stock increased by 3.4% from 2020 through 2024, with 132 new units in this 5-year span. We have implemented both required Housing Choice Implementation Policies: (1) multi-family zoning by right and (2) property tax relief for income-eligible seniors. In addition, we have in place at least twelve "Affordable Housing Best Practices" ranging from Inclusionary Zoning, Transit-Oriented Development zoning, Resilient Building Standards, and Regional Collaboration on affordable housing.

Littleton has been a "Housing Choice Community" since this state-wide incentive program was initiated in 2018. Only 77 of the 351 municipalities in MA are designated Housing Choice Communities. HC Designation opens the door to several Grant programs that are not available to most communities in the Commonwealth, including **Housing Choice Grants** and **Housing-Works Infrastructure Program Grants**. In addition, HC Communities receive "extra points" for participating grant programs: EEA Gateway City Parks Program; **EEA LAND Grant Program**; **EEA Land Use Planning Assistance Grants**; EEA PARC Grant program; **HED MassWorks Infrastructure Grants**; HED Seaport Council Grants; **MassDOT - Capital Investment Plan**; **MassDOT Complete Streets Funding Program**; and **TRE/DEP Clean Water Trust Housing Choice Loan Program**. These grant and low-interest loan programs support a wide range of municipal activities from preserving parks and open space to providing clean water and building new infrastructure.

Littleton has leveraged our HC Designation for MANY of these programs (noted in **BOLD** above). Said another way, the work we do to support housing development and affordable housing continues to support a wide range of initiatives from purchasing open space, to low-interest Clean Water Trust loans, to safer streets, to new utility infrastructure, to critical home repairs for income-qualified homeowners.

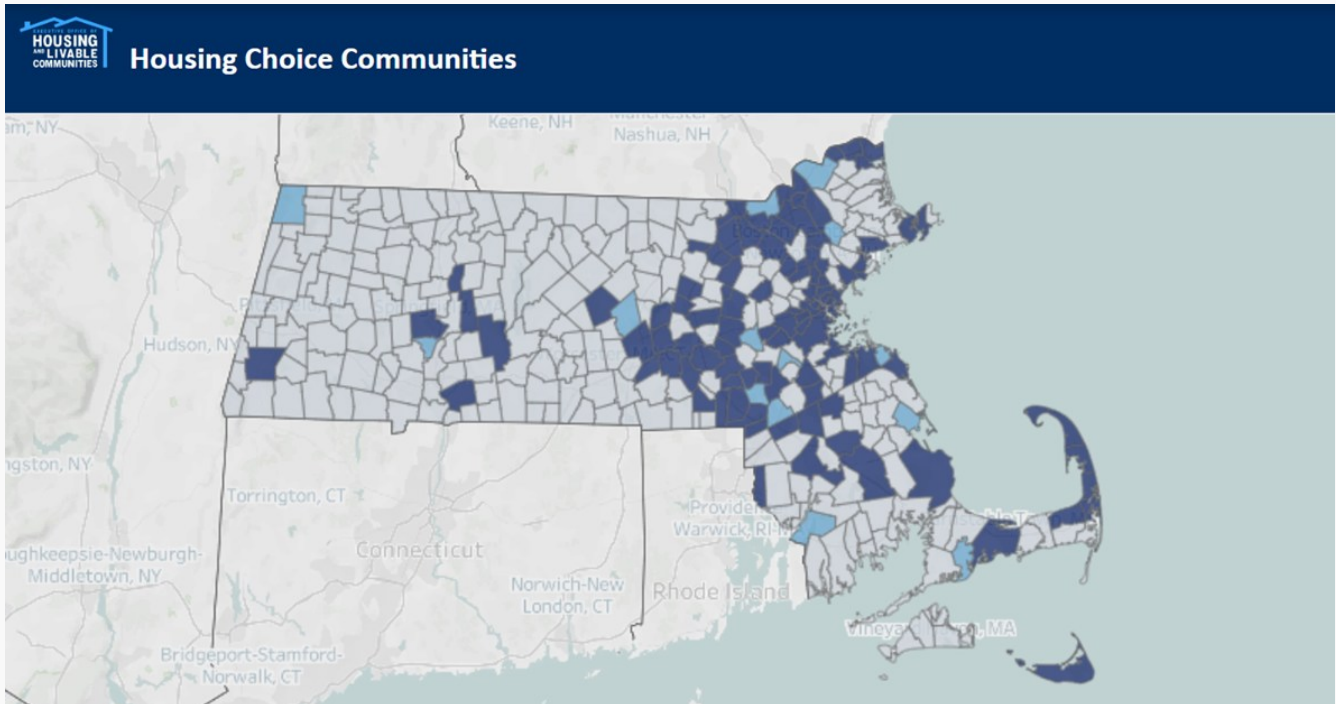
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In FY25, the Town utilized MassWorks grant funds for Town Sewer infrastructure necessary to serve the King Street Common development and the greater Littleton Common area, TRE/DEP Clean Water Trust Hosing Choice Loan Program to fund new water infrastructure, and Housing Choice Funds for the local Small Grant Program that funds critical home repairs for income-qualified homeowners.

Littleton leveraged the HC designation in our recent round of Community One Stop for Growth Grant applications. These grant requests range from a feasibility study for 37 Shattuck Street, sewer and water infrastructure, onsite infrastructure at 550 King Street, design and installation of sewer connection for the Housing Authority at 19 Shattuck Street, and additional funding for the homeowner Small Grant Program to extend that program through FY26 and FY27.

Grant award announcements will be made in late Fall 2025; Littleton is well-positioned to receive grant funding because we meet the “Housing Choice Community” criteria.



School Committee



Greetings from the Littleton School Committee!

Although schools are not in session over the summer, there is plenty going on regarding the Shaker Lane School building project. The project design and budget are being finalized and a “YES for Littleton” campaign in support of a new Shaker Lane School has been gaining traction across town.

Members of the YES for Littleton Ballot Question Committee have been digging into the project details, meeting with town officials, and actively listening to questions and concerns from the community. They have addressed those concerns and synthesized the nuances of the project into an easy to understand website: yesforlittleton.org. The home page of the website shows an evidence-based cost breakdown for both a “yes” vote and a “no” vote. Their conclusion? Either way, the town will be asked to make a significant investment to either build a new Shaker Lane School or bring the current school building up to code. One option gives us a new school that meets the educational needs of our students, and the other does not. One option has cost protections and guarantees, and the other does not. More information about the school design can be seen on this one-page flyer: [A Reimagined Shaker Lane School](#).

This project affects all of us, whether or not we have school-aged children. High quality schools and a community that cares for its youngest citizens are values we all share.

There are several upcoming opportunities to learn more and speak directly to the people involved with the project:

Join a YES for Littleton Community Meeting, *held every other week until Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, October 28:*

Tuesday, Aug 5, 7:00–8:00 pm, Reuben Hoar Library Sturtz Room
 Tuesday, Aug 19, 7:00–8:00 pm, Reuben Hoar Library Sturtz Room
 Friday, Sept 5, 7:00–8:00 pm, Reuben Hoar Library Sturtz Room
 Monday, Sept 15, 7:00–8:00 pm, Reuben Hoar Library Murray Room
 Tuesday, Sept 30, 7:00–8:00 pm, Reuben Hoar Library Murray Room

Attend a Shaker Lane Tour & Info Session, *hosted by the Shaker Lane Building Committee:*

Thursday, August 14, 6:30–8 pm, Shaker Lane School
 Tuesday, October 21, 6:30–8 pm, Shaker Lane School

Find YES for Littleton at Third Thursday. Speak with committee members, share your ideas, and learn more about the project.

Thursday, August 21, 5:00–7:30 pm, Littleton Parks, Recreation and Community Education, 36 King Street (NEW LOCATION THIS MONTH)

Welcome to Littleton—Below are some helpful links regarding topics commonly requested from new Littleton residents.



Register to vote

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>

Register your dog(s)

<https://www.littletonma.org/424/Dog-Licenses>

Check out Littleton's community cable TV aka: LCTV (watch live or recordings on demand!)

<https://www.littletonma.org/323/Littleton-Community-Television>

Elder & Human Services

Outreach Services are available to all Littleton residents, regardless of age. Check out their activity calendar & sign up for their newsletter!

<https://www.littletonma.org/226/Elder-Human-Services>

Park & Recreation and Community Education

<https://www.littletonma.org/158/Parks-Recreation-Community-Education>

It's not just for kids! Check out the 'Community Education' & 'Special Events' buttons. This is also where to go for Beach stickers.

Enjoy our Open Spaces & Walking Trails

<https://littletonconservationtrust.org/trail-guide/>

Littleton Light & Water Department (aka LELWD) is our provider for electricity & town water and sewer

<https://www.lelwd.com/>

Info on the sewer project

<https://www.littletonma.org/1082/Sewer>

Information on trash & the transfer station

<https://www.littletonma.org/225/Transfer-Station>

Littleton does not offer trash pickup. Trash pickup is done by hiring a private company (similarly to hiring your landscaper). We don't have a preferred vendor.

Historic slideshow of Littleton's distant past into more current days (10:30 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A97Ek2c7m1s>

All these links & more are found within our Town of Littleton webpage

<https://www.littletonma.org/>

Enjoy discovering Littleton!

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Additional Town Resources



[Littleton Public School District](#)



[Littleton Electric Light & Water Department \(LELWD\)](#)



- * [What is the Current Population in Littleton per Census?](#)
- * [How to apply for an Abatement?](#)
- * [How to Register to Vote?](#)
- * [How do I find Minutes & Agendas?](#)
- * [What are the current Electric Rates?](#)
- * [What are the current Water Rates?](#)
- * [What are the current Tax Rates?](#)
- * [How to apply for a Building Permit?](#)
- * [How to contact Parks, Recreation & Comm Ed?](#)
- * [How do I report a broken link on the town website?](#)

“Just for Fun” Days ***Have fun with these strange celebrations!***

- Aug. 1–7: [International Clown Week](#)
- Aug. 3: [National Watermelon Day](#)
- Aug. 8: [National Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor’s Porch Day](#)
(Or, use up that bounty with our [best zucchini recipes](#).)
- Aug. 10: [National S’mores Day](#)
- Aug 12: [Vinyl Record Day](#)
- Aug. 13: [International Left-Handers Day](#)
- Aug. 20: [International Geocaching Day](#)
- Aug. 20: [World Honeybee Day](#)
- Aug. 25: [Kiss-and-Make-Up Day](#)
- Aug. 31: [National Trail Mix Day](#)

