

# TOWN OF ACTON

## MUNICIPAL



## QUARTERLY

JULY 1, 2018

ACTON, MASSACHUSETTS

### ACTON CELEBRATES

### JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

### AT NARA PARK

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

### 3:00-6:30 P.M. - FAMILY FUN TIME

\$10 unlimited moon bounce bracelet, \$3 train rides

### 3:00-9:30 P.M. - FOOD VENDORS

Boston Events Catering (grilled food, french fries, fried dough), Chicken on the Run, Shuck Truck (seafood), Hawaiian Shaved Ice, Dunkin' Donuts Sampling and more!

### 6:30-7:00 P.M. - WELCOME!

Acton Board of Selectmen and Dignitaries, Acton Minutemen Musket Volley

### 7:00-9:30 P.M. - FREE CONCERT Featuring "THIRTY 6 RED"

www.thirtysixred.com Band will break at 8:00 p.m. and resume at 8:20 p.m. During break, Recreation will present Recreation Volunteer of the Year Award.

### 9:30 P.M. - FIREWORKS

by Atlas Pyrotechnics

Fireworks funded by Donelan's Supermarket, Gould's Clothing and the Town of Acton

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Free parking for this event will be at various parking lots off Nagog Park Drive. Free bus shuttle service to and from Nagog to NARA will be provided beginning at 2:00 p.m. until the event has concluded. For the safety of all bus shuttle passengers, no oversized items should be brought on the bus. You may also walk the 10-minute lighted trail walk through the Town Forest located at the cul-de-sac at the end of Nagog Park Drive. The Town Forest trail is our recommended way to get in and out of the park during the peak time of the evening. No alcohol, drugs or weapons are permitted on Town property. All bags are subject to search.

Thank you to these generous supporters for funding the 2018 Town of Acton NARA Summer Concerts and Special Events!

DONELAN'S SUPERMARKET, GOULD'S CLOTHING, Cambridge Savings Bank, Enterprise Bank, Revolution Community Yoga, Roche Brothers, TD Bank, Sorrento's Pizza, Emerson Hospital, Especially for Pets, Digital Credit Union, ProTech Gas at 2A/27, Sunoco at 411 Mass Ave., Rescom Exteriors, Inc., Sechrest & Bloom, LLC., Middlesex Savings Bank, Acton Lions Club, Century Bank, Concord Teacakes, Life Care Center of Acton, Workers Credit Union, Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council, Stop & Shop, Visiting Angels-Acton, Powdermill Animal Hospital, Dunkin' Donuts, 1 on 1 Self Indulgence Spa, Acton Medical Associates

- As of May 24, 2018



### TOWN MANAGER'S OFFICE

Below are two pictures regarding the recent awarding of the Town of Acton as a Housing Choice Community. In the picture are BOS Chair Katie Green, Senator Jamie Eldridge, Robert Hummel, Assistant Town Planner, and Selectman Janet K. Adachi. The event was hosted at the State House on Monday, May 14, 2018.



### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



#### ACTON SWAP SHOP LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Do you love to visit the Swap Shop? Are you a people person? Will you have a few hours this year to volunteer doing something fun? Do you want to know more? We are looking for volunteers for the 2018 season.

The Swap Shop opened in 2015 at the Acton Transfer Station and Recycling center.

Anyone with a recycling or trash sticker can use the swap shop, which is where the textile recycling bins are, just downhill from the main recycling area. The idea is that gently used items can be left for free, and any of these items can be picked up for free. The purpose of the Swap Shed is to keep more objects out of the trash area and into the hands of those who can use them.

Hours of Operation are determined by the Highway Dept. and are posted at the facility.

Please contact Debby Andell if you would like to know more - debbyandell@gmail.com.

Visit: <http://www.acton-ma.gov/507/Swap-Shop> for more details.

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Your input is needed in a anonymous survey that the Acton Health Department launched with the assistance of a newly formed Substance Use Disorder Coalition. Survey results will help enlighten the health department as to how widespread the problem is in town and what kinds of educational programs and support should be provided.

According to Health Director Sheryl Ball, "our goal is to raise awareness particularly in the senior population about the severity of substance misuse, now known as Substance Use Disorder (SUD). We plan to develop ways to reduce the stigma of seeking help and identify and publicize available resources."



You may find the ANONYMOUS survey by visiting [www.acton-ma.gov/health](http://www.acton-ma.gov/health) available through Friday, August 17.

### COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Do you want to get involved in making Acton a better place to live? There are many boards and committees in town run by volunteers, and many of them are in need of new members. A comprehensive list may be found on the Town website at [www.acton-ma.gov/jobs](http://www.acton-ma.gov/jobs).



# ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEW

## NEW SUMMER HOURS:

Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Library is closed on Sundays during the summer as well as July 4, Sept. 1, 2, 3.

## LIBRARY MUSEUM PASSES SAVE MONEY

Taking a few days of staycation this summer? Looking for something to do when guests visit? With the support of the Friends of the Acton Libraries, the Acton Garden Club, the Acton Woman's Club, and Roche Brothers, the library offers passes to more than fifteen museums and venues.

Passes may be reserved up to 90 days in advance, through the Services page of the library's website. Passes may be selected by date or by museum. Please check the museum's website for changes in hours of operation, admission fees and to make sure it is open on the day you plan to visit.

## HOTSPOTS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN

Need a wi-fi connection while you're away this summer? Want access to information on the go? These devices allow you to take the Internet with you wherever you go. The library has four circulating wireless hotspots. Adults can check the hotspots out for two weeks. Ask at the circulation desk for more information.

## EVENTS FOR YOUNGSTERS

The Children's Room is bursting with activities for the Summer Reading Program, 'Libraries Rock!' They include craft sessions, yoga, origami and Sensu fan painting workshops, a henna artist, opportunities for 5th through 8th graders to act in plays, visits from Ed the Music Man, Lego®, Pop-Up Book and Game Afternoons, monthly Family Movie Nights, a Stuffed Animal Picnic, drop-in story times, and more! Check the library's online calendar and news outlets for dates, times, recommended ages, and registration requirements. You can also follow the library on Twitter or Facebook or sign up on the library's website to receive e-mail notices of library activities

## ADULT PROGRAMS

Several programs are still in the planning stages as of the Municipal Quarterly deadline. Watch the library's calendar and news outlets for these events and for September activities and technology classes. Follow the library on Twitter or Facebook or sign up on the library's website to receive e-mail notices of library activities.

## TECHNOLOGY CLASSES FOR AGES 14 AND UP

- Intro to PowerPoint: Thursday, July 12, 3:30-4:30 p.m. \*
- Intro to Twitter: Wed., July 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m. \*\*
- Intro to Microsoft Word: Thursday, July 26, 3:30-4:30 p.m. \*
- Getting Started with Microsoft Excel: Wed., Aug. 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m. \*\*
- Hoopla Digital Content, Thursday, August 9, 3:30-4:30 p.m. \*(Acton residents only)
- What to Read Next, Thursday, August 16, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- OverDrive Digital Library, Thursday, August 23, 3:30-4:30 p.m. \*

\*Registration required

\*\*Registration required and basic knowledge of computers and online experience required.

**For class description or to register visit [www.actonmemoriallibrary.org](http://www.actonmemoriallibrary.org) or call the Reference Dept. at 978 929-6543.**

# ACTON NURSING SERVICES

## HOW DOES ANS RATE ON QUALITY OF PATIENT CARE?

ANS earned a CMS rating of 4.5 stars (out of 5) for Quality of Patient Care as reported by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This is an important achievement since the Massachusetts average is 3 stars and the National average is 3.5 stars.

## HOW DO ANS PATIENTS RATE THE PERFORMANCE OF ANS?

ANS patients gave ANS very high performance ratings according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Patient Satisfaction Surveys. ANS performed better than the Massachusetts average, which is usually better than the national averages.

### PATIENT SATISFACTION SURVEY CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES

Patient Satisfaction Measure	ANS	MA Avg.	National Avg.
How often the home health team gave care in a professional way?	93%	88%	88%
How well did the home health team communicate with patients?	89%	85%	85%
Did the Home health team discuss medicines, pain, and home safety with patient?	89%	84%	84%
How do patients rate the overall care from the home health agency?	89%	80%	78%
Would patients recommend the home health agency to friends and family?	89%	80%	78%

Source: Medicare.gov website - Home Care Compare, Oct. 2016 - Sept. 2017

The ANS Patient Satisfaction Rating from CMS reflects the sentiments of a high percentage (51%) of patients who returned their surveys.

# NARA SUMMER CONCERTS & EVENTS

Friday, July 13	The Great Escape-Journey Tribute Band, 8:00-10:30 p.m. (\$15)*
Thursday, July 19	Indian Hill Big Band 6:30-8:30 p.m. (free)
Friday, July 27	Wanted DOA-Bon Jovi Tribute, 8:00-10:00 p.m. (\$15)*
Friday August 3	Studio Two Beatles Tribute Band, 8:00-10:00 p.m. (\$5 admission)**
Thursday, August 9	Ben Rudnick & Friends, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (free)
Friday, August 10	Hal McIntyre Orchestra-Tribute to Sinatra, 7:00-9:30 p.m., (\$15)*
Thursday, August 16	Karen K. & the Jitterbugs, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (free)
Saturday, August 18	Essence of India, 2:00-7:30 p.m. (free)
Thursday, August 23	Loose Connection Band (free)
Friday, August 24	Foreigners Journey-Foreigner/Journey Tribute, 8:00-10:30 p.m. (\$15)
Saturday, Sept. 8	Food & Floyd Fest featuring Gilmour's Breakfast, 7:00-10:00 p.m. (\$15)
Friday, October 19	Monsterbash (\$5)**



\*Discounted tickets to these concerts are available for purchase in advance at [www.actonrec.com](http://www.actonrec.com). All tickets are per person unless otherwise noted. Under 3 free for all concerts.

\*\*No pre-ticket sales--admission collected at the gate.

In case of a weather cancellation/postponement visit: [www.acton-ma.gov/events](http://www.acton-ma.gov/events) and/or the NARA Park Facebook page: facebook.com/NARAParkActon. Cancellations are posted two hours prior to a start of the event.



## NARA BEACH

NARA Beach is open to both Acton residents and non-residents from Memorial Day weekend through late August. Patrons can drop in for a daily-use fee or purchase a seasonal beach pass. A lifeguard is on duty during hours of operation, conditions permitting.

**PARKING FEE:** \$5.00 daily parking fee. \*Acton Residents may obtain one complimentary parking permit per household. Additional stickers can be purchased for \$25.

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** Daily 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Daily through Aug. 31

### DAILY BEACH RATES FOR ACTON RESIDENTS:

- Single (ages 2+): \$6
- Family (up to 6 persons in household): \$24
- Seniors (ages 65+): \$3
- Group rates (reserved ahead of time via permit): \$4 per person

### 2018 SEASON PASS FOR ACTON RESIDENTS:

- Family (household): \$200
- Individual: \$105
- Senior (per/age 65+): \$25
- Couple (2 adults): \$135

NARA Park Bathhouse Office (seasonal only): 978.929.6641

NARA Park, 25 Ledge Rock Way, Acton

[www.acton-ma.gov/beach](http://www.acton-ma.gov/beach)

# RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## DO YOU KNOW THE LATEST?

Join our **E-newsletter mailing list** for information and updates that include concerts, events, sports fields, beach information, recreation programs, bus trip information, project updates and more! **To sign-up, e-mail us at: [recreation@acton-ma.gov](mailto:recreation@acton-ma.gov)**. Our goal is to keep you informed--and not inundate your inbox! You can also find us on Facebook: NARA Park, Acton Recreation, NARA Camp, TJ O'Grady Skate Park.

**NARA SUMMER CAMP:** It's not too late to enroll your child (ages 4-13) in our summer camp program. We offer a full-day safe, fun, and affordable outdoor camp at NARA through the end of August. Each session week revolves around a different theme with activities based on those themes. You can enroll your child for one session week or all session weeks based on availability with our easy online registration software at: [www.actonrec.com](http://www.actonrec.com) or you may mail your registration or register in-person at the Recreation office weekdays from 8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. at 50 Audubon Drive. Registration for each session week closes at noon on the Friday prior to Monday's new session.

**FALL-WINTER PROGRAMS!** Registration begins August 24 (some earlier!)

[WWW.ACTONREC.COM](http://WWW.ACTONREC.COM)