



Huntington Community Newsletter

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SUMMER 2024

2024 DOG & KENNEL LICENSES

2024 dog and kennel license applications will be available online at www.huntingtonma.us and at Town Hall starting on May 15. The 2024 license covers July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2024. A late fee of \$10 per dog will be charged for applications received after July 15, 2024. Fees are as follows:



\$6.00 per dog - intact male, neutered male, or spayed female

\$10.00 per dog - intact female

\$25.00 per kennel - 4 to 10 dogs

\$75.00 per kennel - 10 or more dogs

A current rabies certificate must be on file with the Town Clerk or provided at the time of registration.

Due to issues with dog licensing in recent years, the Selectboard has decided that owners will have a fresh start for 2024 and will **not** be required to pay for past years licenses before the 2024 license can be issued. If you have any questions, please contact Interim Town Clerk Michelle Fieldstad-Booth at townclerk@huntingtonma.us or 413-512-5209.



Memorial Day Parade

The public is encouraged to attend the Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 27 in Huntington. The parade assembles at Pettis Field at 8:00 a.m. and marches at 8:15 a.m. to the gazebo on the Town Common for the ceremony. Veterans and other groups who are interested in marching or riding in a vehicle are asked to call Memorial Day Parade Committee Chair Lori Belhumeur at 413-887-9746. Parade observers are reminded to stand, with right hand over their heart, when the American flag held by the color guard passes by.

Community Tag Sale

Saturday, June 1, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Town Common & Stanton Hall

Spaces are available for a suggested donation of \$10 on the Town Common and \$15 inside Stanton Hall. Vendors must provide their own tables, chairs, and tents for rain/sun protection. No items shall be left behind. Set up will start at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Please call 512-5205 or email coa@huntingtonma.us to reserve a space by May 27. Location of spaces will be on a first come, first serve basis the day of the sale. In case of rain, the event will be held on Sunday, June 2.



Council on Aging News

St. Patrick's Luncheon

Our St. Patrick's luncheon on March 16 was a huge success thanks to the hard work of Helen Speckels who planned and cooked the meal; Aimee Burnham who helped cook the meal; support from COA board members who prepared food, set up, and cleaned up; and Karon Hathaway for her perfect and delicious cupcakes. We served around 70 meals and were entertained by Wild Thyme at our first festive seasonal on site meal since COVID-19.

Birthday Celebration and Bingo

Our spring birthdays were celebrated in April. We held the celebration at the chapel due to ongoing ramp construction. We had fun enjoying cake and ice cream and playing several games of Bingo. Summer birthdays will be celebrated on Tuesday, July 9 at 1:00 p.m.

Games

We are looking for chess and cribbage players. If you would like to be part of a team, please call 413-512-5205 or email coa@huntingtonma.us to sign up. Stanton Hall will be open for coffee and games on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

Line Dancing

Using YouTube, we have been having fun learning line dancing together. We will continue dancing every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. until the end of June since the Recreation Committee will be using Stanton Hall for their summer camp program. Line dancing will resume in September.

Pickleball

The weather is getting better and better. We still have a pickleball court in the back of the library where equipment is stored in a bench. Please register at coa@huntingtonma.us or 413-512-5205 to get the code for opening the lock. It is a great family fun activity. Four paddles and lots of balls are available. The net will be set up on Thursdays from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. You can set it up yourself at any time after completing the release forms. The forms will be available at the library and Town Hall. Popup pickleball clinics will be announced via email.

Blood Pressure Clinic and Health Education

The Hampshire Public Health Preparedness Coalition's nursing team will be offering a blood pressure clinic on Wednesday, July 24 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Please call 413-685-5283 to sign up. Future clinics and health education programs will be announced at a later date.

Hilltown Memory Café and Educational Programs

We have continued to hold our memory café during the ramp construction period and are grateful for all who continued to join us for our educational and entertainment events. The Narcan information session was attended by healthcare workers and local community members. We learned how to save someone's life with Narcan, when it should be used, how to use it, and what to do after. The important discussion on how to protect your money from scams was poorly attended but very important. Seniors are the biggest targets for scammers and very vulnerable. We will continue to provide health and safety programs. Lois Kiraly entertained us several times with information on the natural world of birds and animals. The artwork created at the memory café can be viewed at the Town Hall. Ashley Neveu has joined us as an unpaid intern. She graduated from Gateway and is currently a student at Westfield State majoring in Psychology and art therapy. To have enough materials on site for the beading and planting activities pre-registration is required. Please join us with your kids and grandkids - everyone is welcome. Contact the COA at coa@huntingtonma.us or 413-685-5283 today.

Kathleen Peterson, COA Chairwoman



HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

YOU CAN BANK ON IT

Learn how to manage your money effectively, save for important goals, and build a better financial life with Westfield Bank's Laurie Martell.

MAY 14 at 5 PM

COOKBOOK CLUB

Seeking culinary inspiration for your next gathering? Dive into this month's cookbook club, where we'll exchange a bounty of picnic-inspired recipes and delightful treats ideal for your next summer outing.

MAY 22 at 5 PM

"IMAGINE THAT" WITH DAVIS BATES

Grab the kids (or grandkids) and stop by the library for a fun-filled morning of music and stories that celebrate literacy and inspire creativity. **All ages welcome.**

JUNE 15 at 11 AM

SUMMER READING SNAPSHOT

Combat summer slide and get your children ready for the upcoming school year with Read, Renew, Repeat at the Huntington Public Library. The iREAD Summer 2024 initiative promotes reading as a means of self-improvement and preservation, all while advocating for conservation.

JUNE 24-AUGUST 17



Huntington Recreation Summer Camp

July 8 to August 9

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Stanton Hall

Wednesday will be family friendly field trips!

Registration: \$50 for all 5 weeks

(cost of admission/participation for campers on field trips is included)

For Huntington residents only, age 5 through grade 5 (completed)

Children will be involved in many activities including daily arts & crafts, walking/exploring, trips to the library, indoor games, and playing outside! This is a great opportunity for children to socialize with others kiddos and families to meet other families, too!

Registration forms are available at www.huntingtonma.us or Town Hall on the bulletin board.

Forms must be returned by Saturday, May 31, 2024.

Please email recreation@huntingtonma.us with any questions.

Educational Programs

All events are held at Stanton Hall, 26 Russell Road, Huntington



Jewelry Beading

*presented by Sue Maxwell
beads and materials funded by the COA
Wednesday, May 15, 1:00 p.m.
Please sign up by May 8.*

Mercy Adult Day Health Program

Wednesday, May 22, 1:00 p.m.

Elder Law Program

*presented by Attorney Valerie Vignaux
Wednesday, May 29, 6:00 p.m.*

Garden Planter Workshop

*presented by Kathleen Peterson
plants and materials funded by the COA
Wednesday, June 5, 1:00 p.m.
Please sign up by May 29.*



File of Life

*presented by Hilltown Community Ambulance
Wednesday, July 3, 1:00 p.m.*



The History of Holyoke's Mountain Park

*presented by Jay Ducharme
Wednesday, July 17, 1:00 p.m.*

*Please contact Crystal Wright-Partyka at 413-685-5283 or
email caregiveroutreach@huntingtonma.us for more information.*

Blood Pressure Clinic

*Wednesday, July 24 at 1:00 p.m. at Stanton Hall
Please contact Crystal Wright-Partyka at 413-685-5283 to sign up.*



Special Town Meeting

Monday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Annual Town Meeting

Monday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Both meetings will be held at Stanton Hall, 26 Russell Road.



Hilltown Mobile Market: Fresh & Local!

www.hilltownmobilemarket.com

Chair Yoga

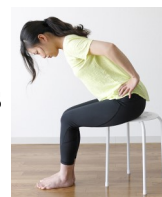
Every Wednesday, 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. at Stanton Hall, \$5 per class



Line Dancing

Every Thursday, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Stanton Hall

Runs September through June



Pickleball

Every Thursday, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Behind Library

Equipment Available for Use at Other Times - Sign Up for Lock Combination

Gateway Fitness Center

Monday - Friday (when school is in session), 2:10 - 5:00 p.m.

at Gateway Regional High School

Registration and waiver paperwork is required for each program and needs to be completed before starting. Paperwork is available at Town Hall or by contacting the COA at coa@huntingtonma.us or 413-512-5205.



ELECTION DATES

Saturday, May 11, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 3, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 5, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Annual Town Election

State Primary

State/Presidential Election

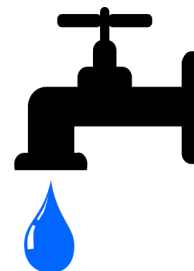
Elections are held at Stanton Hall, 26 Russell Road, Huntington. If you have any questions, please contact the Town Clerk at townclerk@huntingtonma.us or 413-512-5209.

BILL REMINDER



FY2024 3RD QUARTER WATER & SEWER
DUE JUNE 3, 2024

FY2025 1ST QUARTER REAL ESTATE TAX
DUE AUGUST 1, 2024



Summer Birthday Celebrations & BINGO



Tuesday, July 9 at 1:00 p.m.
Stanton Hall

Everyone is invited to enjoy birthday cake to celebrate seniors with birthdays in June, July, and August.



Coffee and Games

2nd Tuesday of the Month at 1:00 p.m.
Stanton Hall

Chess and cribbage players wanted. Please call 413-512-5205 or email coa@huntingtonma.us to sign up.

2024 Huntington Summer Music Series

*Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Town Common gazebo – intersection of Rt. 20 & 112*

The kick off to the music series takes place **Thursday, July 11 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. this night only.** The picnic will consist of a hamburger or hot dog, popcorn, lemonade and cake for \$1 donation.
Music by Jim Blanch and Boot Hill.

July 18	Greg Hall	August 8	TBA
July 25	Otan Vargas	August 15	Off The Record
August 1	Woodford Way	August 22	Chalk Dust

Sponsored by The Huntington Community Events Committee and supported by the Huntington Cultural Council. Baked goods sale every week (with the exception of the picnic) from local non-profit groups. Bring your lawn chair and join us. All performances will be moved inside to Stanton Hall in case of rain. No Pets Please.

FRTA Van Service

Due to the Van Driver retiring, the van is currently not in service. The Selectboard is working with FRTA to have another town/organization take over the contract for FY2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025). Please watch for updates in the Country Journal.



northhallhuntington.org

The North Hall Association presents

Seven Free Programs at the 14th Annual Historic North Hall Arts Festival

***Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. - June, July, August, & September
On The North Hall Stage***

June 16 - Tone Forest contemporary ensemble featuring Miro Sprague (piano), Jason Ennis (guitar) and Marty Jaffe (bass) drawing from jazz, world music and free improvisation, the trio cultivates a fresh and lyrical sound.

June 30 - The Story Cafe celebrates the Pioneer Valley's rich and talented short story authors: Jane Yolan, Stephen Billias, Rick Paar, Joy Baglio, and others. The audience will be transported through the magic of spoken word by favorite Valley actors Ellen Barry, Raye Birk, and Candace Barrett Birk.

July 14 - Squeezebox Stompers perform a lively medley of Cajun, Zydeco, New Orleans classics and originals. Clap and toe-tap to Ralph Tufo (piano, Cajun accordion), Larry Plitt (guitar), JO (acoustic bass) and Art Schatz (fiddle).

July 28 - Sparky Quartet continues the musical traditions and legacy of jazz clarinetist Bob "Sparky" Sparkman blending the joy and power of improvisational music with stories and laughter brought to the stage by: Chris Devine (violin, flute, guitar), John Van Eps (drums, vibraphone), Jerry Noble (piano, guitar, vocals) and Kara Noble (bass, guitar, vocals).

August 18 - Ballroom Outlet demonstrates popular dances of American and international styles. Jayden Leighty and Susanna Westcott, both certified ballroom dance instructors and competitive rhythm dancers, will present cultural origins of the dances along with fun facts & audience participation.

September 15 - Old Country Road is dedicated to the Gold Age of Country Music, songs that take you back to the Grand Ole Opry, the Ryman Auditorium and Nashville bluegrass music of Hank Williams, Webb Pierce, Patsy Cline, and Kitty Wells. Performers are: Dan Pilachowski (flat picking guitar), Ron Jackson (rhythm guitar, vocals), Mark Leveille (mandolin, vocals), Dave Helman (standup bass), and guest artist Chris Boucher (banjo).

September 29 - Opera Arias & Broadway Musical Showcase brings the accomplished NYC ensemble of tenor Antonio Abate, soprano Amy Orsulak and pianist Jerome Tan performing celebrated opera arias and Broadway song favorites.



Hilltown Memory Café

Stanton Hall, 26 Russell Road, Huntington

Every Wednesday, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Art, Nutritional, and Educational Activities

~ Live Music ~

May 8 - Sarah The Fiddler

June 26 - Harmonix

July - To Be Announced

August 7 - Ronnie & Alex

~ Art Instruction with Therapeutic Artist Lori Bocon ~

Caregiver Support Group Held Every Week

Open to residents from any community with or without memory issues.

The Huntington Council on Aging also offers outreach services that support elders and their caregivers with information and resources. This includes assisting with identifying benefit programs and making home visits. Please contact Caregiver Support Coordinator/Facilitator and Outreach Coordinator Crystal Wright-Partyka at 413-685-5283 or email caregiveroutreach@huntingtonma.us for more information or to sign up for either program.

These programs are made possible in part by a grant from Highland Valley Elder Services through funding under the Federal Older Americans Act and by a grant from the Huntington Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



Become a Hospice Volunteer!

Make a difference in someone's life - provide your gift of time to our hospice patients and their caregivers with Baystate Hospice. Free online hospice training classes done at your own pace, in the comfort of your own home. Volunteers of all types needed: companions, vigil volunteers to sit with transitioning patients, veteran volunteers, hairdressers, Spanish speaking, and more.

For more information, please contact:

Lynn Landry, Volunteer Coordinator
413-798-5452 - lynn.landry2@baystatehealth.org

Town Administrator/Selectboard	413-512-5200	Highway Department	413-512-5204
Board of Assessors	413-512-5201	Library	413-512-5206
Board of Health	413-512-5211	Planning Board	413-512-5214
Building Commissioner	413-512-5210	Police Department	413-512-5213
Collector	413-512-5208	Town Clerk	413-512-5209
Conservation Commission	413-512-5214	Treasurer	413-512-5202
Council on Aging	413-512-5205	Water & Sewer	413-512-5207
Fire Department	413-512-5206		



Music in Montgomery

Montgomery Town Hall, 161 Main Road, Montgomery MA.

Every Thursday, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

May 9	Barry, Sarah, & Pete	June 6	The Uncles
May 16	Ed Bentley & Friends	June 13	Barry, Sarah, & Pete
May 23	Mennonite Hymn Sing	June 20	John & Eveline
	Larry Southard	June 27	Jerry & Kara Noble
May 30	Kara & Jerry Noble		

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Central Hampshire Veterans' Services

240 Main Street, Suite 4, Northampton, MA 01060

413-587-1299

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Office Hours at Huntington Town Hall

4th Thursday of the Month from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Local and Commonwealth of Massachusetts benefits:

- Applying for Mass General Law Ch. 115 financial assistance benefits for qualified individuals
- Applying for state annuity for 100%-service-connect veterans
- Applying for state/local veterans property tax exemptions
- Assisting with local veterans property tax work off programs

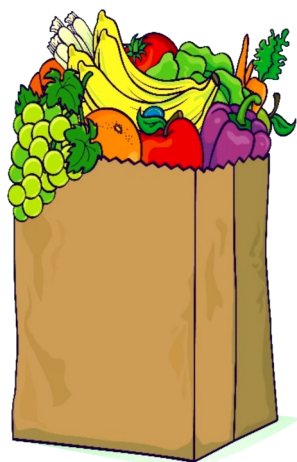
Federal benefits/programs:

- Veterans Administration healthcare registration
- Filing for service connected disability compensation
- Filling non-service connected pensions
- Filing for burial benefits
- Filing for dependent death benefits
- Obtaining gravestones and markers
- Obtaining military records
- Filing for military medal replacements



In addition, we provide assistance/referral services for:

- Issues relating to homelessness, health, education, and employment.
- Fuel Assistance applications
- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) applications



Brown Bag Pick Up

people over 55 and documented disabilities qualify

**Every Third Friday, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Stanton Hall**

Applications are available at the Post Office,
or by calling 512-5205 to have one mailed.



Huntington Cultural Council Community Input Survey 2024

The **Huntington Cultural Council** is collecting opinions to help us set our funding priorities for the next year. Please complete this survey and **return by June 25:**

Mail to Huntington Cultural Council, P.O Box 430, Huntington MA 01050.

OR

FOLD in half and LABEL **Huntington Cultural Council** and place in either box

- **Huntington Library green RETURNS drop box**

- **Town Clerk black Drop box behind Town Hall**

Thank you!

1. What current arts and cultural programs or services are of most value to our community? What's missing?

2. Were you aware that artists, schools and community groups may apply for grants from the Huntington Cultural Council? ____ Yes ____ No
3. What should be the most important priorities for Huntington Cultural Council funding next year? Please rank your top three recommended priorities (write "1" for the most important, "2" for the next, etc.).
 _____ Public events like concerts, festivals
 _____ Support for community arts and cultural organizations
 _____ Projects led by local artists
 _____ Arts in the schools
 _____ Youth arts programs outside of school
 _____ Environmental education projects
 _____ Other idea or suggestion: _____
4. How do you hear about cultural activities that interest you?
 _____ Local paper
 _____ Town website
 _____ Notices at the library
 _____ Local Community newsletter
 _____ Word of mouth
 _____ Other: _____
5. Do you have any additional comments or suggestions for the Huntington Cultural Council?

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