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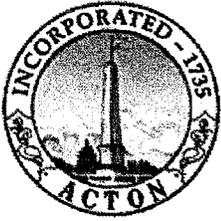
**TOWN OF ACTON**

# Memo

**To:** Board of Selectmen  
**From:** Steven L. Ledoux, Town Manager  
**Date:** March 24, 2010  
**Re:** Municipal Employee of the Year

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It is my pleasure to recommend that Maura Haberman, Event coordinator and Administrative assistant of the Recreation department be named Municipal Employee of the Year and be recognized as such at Town Meeting



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Cathy Fochtman, Recreation Director

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Dear Steve,

**MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

Once a year I have the opportunity to write about my coworker, Maura Haberman. I believe that this is her year to shine as Acton's Municipal Employee of the Year and it is my job to highlight all the qualities that make her worthy of this distinction.

**LOYALTY**

**PRODUCTIVITY**

**SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC**

**BEHIND THE SCENES WIZARD**

**IMAGINATION AND CREATIVITY**

**BENEFIT TO THE TOWN'S POPULATION**

**OUTREACH TO AREA BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS**

**LOYALTY**

Maura is extremely dedicated to her job as Recreation Department Event Coordinator and Administrative Assistant. She has unselfishly given her time and expertise during her 5 ½ year tenure with the Recreation Department, particularly during periods of transition, when the Recreation Director position was unfilled.

**PRODUCTIVITY**

Our Recreation Department is an efficient operation. As noted in a Town Manager's 2007 Salary Parity presentation to the Finance Committee, our department operates with 73% less full time staff and 50% part time staff than comparable communities, yet we produce an amazing array of activities and events. Maura consistently works above and beyond the assigned work hours to complete deadlines. She quickly checks tasks off her daily list of goals. She constantly challenges herself to produce at a rapid pace.

**SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC**

Maura exudes a warm, upbeat and helpful presence in the Recreation Department. She strives to respond without delay to coworkers and the public. She is a pleasure to work with. The professionalism with which she serves the public is a model for all municipal employees.

## MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

### BEHIND THE SCENES WIZARD

Maura's technical skills are strong in the desktop publishing realm, yielding sophisticated promotional materials. She organizes legions of volunteers to run our events and keeps them coming back.

### IMAGINATION AND CREATIVITY

Maura is never at a loss for creative ideas when brainstorming or problem solving. Community organizations that we work with admire her creativity and often wish that she worked for them!

### BENEFIT TO TOWN'S POPULATION

The Recreation Department operates as a self-funded department and Ms. Haberman has maintained mutually beneficial relationships with members of the business community who support our programs and events, even in these difficult economic times. The objective of these donations is to provide free and low cost entertainment options to all of the community – young families, teens, adults and senior citizens. I have enclosed the Recreation Department's 2010 Event Calendar and I am proud of the depth and breadth of what we can offer the community, thanks to the diligent work of Ms. Haberman.

### OUTREACH TO AREA BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

We have been working with the Chamber of Commerce to enhance our presence with the business community. Our Recreation Department is working hard to expand our connections to the community, by increasing the number of community based events that take place at NARA Park. The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, Lion's Club Fair, Sri Lanka Day and Acton Chinese Culture Day are recent additions to the slate of community events we are supporting.

Walter Miska, owner of *Embroid Me* in Chelmsford, states that compared to other surrounding Recreation Departments that he has relationships with, ours is superior. The secret to our success is the productivity and professionalism of Ms. Haberman.

I have worked for 3 ½ years with Maura and I have the utmost respect for her. Please seriously consider my nomination of Maura Haberman for 2010 Municipal Employee of the Year.

Sincerely,



Cathy Fochtman  
Recreation Director

2010 CONCERTS & EVENTS	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE	LOCATION
Annual Family Overnight Campout	Saturday	May 1 -2	4:00 PM Check-in	\$40/4	NARA Park
Skate Park 4th Anniversary Event	Friday	May 7	5:00-8:30 PM	Free Admisson	66 Hayward Road
Relay for Life at NARA Park	Saturday	May 22-23	TBD	n/a	NARA Park Lower Area
Acton Chinese Culture Day	Saturday	June 5 (Rain date: June 12)	10:00 AM-4:00 PM	Free Admission	NARA Park Amphitheater
Drum Circle	Saturday	June 12	7:00-10:00 PM	Free Admission	NARA Park Amphitheater
Classical Concert in the Park	Thursday	June 17	6:30 PM	Free Admission	NARA Park Amphitheater
Lions Ciub Fair	Wed-Sun	June 23-27	Times vary	Free Admission	NARA Park Upper Fields
275th Special Comedy Night (\$)	Thursday	July 1	TBD	TBD	ABRHS Auditorium
275th Special Ticketed Concert (\$)	Friday	July 2	TBD	TBD	NARA Park Amphitheater
July 4 Fireworks and Concert at NARA Park	Saturday	July 3 (Rain date: July 4)	6:30 PM Concert 9:30 PM Fireworks	Free Admission	NARA Park
Sri Lankan Day	Saturday	July 10	4:00-8:00 PM	Free Admission	NARA Park Amphitheater
Java Jive Band	Thursday	July 15	6:30 PM	Free Admission	NARA Park Amphitheater
Indian Hill Jazz Quartet	Thursday	July 22	6:30 PM	Free Admission	NARA Park Amphitheater
The Chicken Slacks	Thursday	July 29	6:30 PM	Free Admission	NARA Park Amphitheater
Toe Jam Puppet Band-Children's Concert	Thursday	August 5	6:30 PM	Free Admission	NARA Park Amphitheater
Starz n' Lightz Production "OZ"	Friday-Saturday	August 6 & 7 (Rain date: August 8)	To be announced	Free Admission	NARA Park Amphitheater
Beach Party Blast featuring '60's Invasion'	Saturday	August 14	3:00-7:00 PM	TBD	NARA Park Beach
The Dragon King' Marionette Show	Thursday	August 19	7:00 PM	Free Admission	NARA Park Amphitheater
Blackstone Valley Bluegrass	Thursday	August 26	6:30 PM	Free Admission	NARA Park Amphitheater
Acton Day at NARA Park	Sunday	September 12	TBD	Free Admission	NARA Park
Monsterbash at NARA Park	Friday	October 22	7:00-9:00 PM	\$3 per person	NARA Park Amphitheater

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**Live Bands - Skate Demo's**  
**WHEN: Friday, May 7**  
**TIME: 5:00 - 8:30 PM**  
**WHERE: TJ O'Grady Skate Park, Hayward Rd.**  
**HOSTED BY: Acton Recreation Department**  
 with the support of Danny's Place

**Sponsor**  
**Danny's Place**

**Relay for Life**  
**Acton-Boxborough**

Saturday May 22 to Sunday May 23  
 NARA Park

Relay for Life of Acton-Boxborough is an overnight team event to fight cancer. The Relay raises awareness of cancer in the community and raises money to support the programs of cancer research, education, advocacy and patient services of the American Cancer Society.

The theme of hope is ignited as cancer survivors make the first official lap of the Relay For Life on Saturday, serving as living testimony to the fact that cancer survival rates are increasing and cancer is no longer thought of as a death sentence. During the Survivor's Lap, survivors come together, and walk, run, or wheelchair the opening lap - unified in unity and hope! Following this lap, we honor them with a reception! At 9:00 PM Saturday evening, there is a Luminary Ceremony. White bags with a candle are placed around the pond path. Behind every bag there is a story to tell. Each one is dedicated in honor of a cancer survivor or someone who has lost the fight with cancer. The candles surround the pond and light the way as Relay For Life participants walk throughout the night. Please visit the Relay for Life website [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) for more information and to register or call (781) 314-2673.

**RELAY FOR LIFE**

*Note: This is not a Town of Acton event.*

Town of Acton Recreation Department  
 Acton Chinese Language School  
 Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council  
 Present

**2010  
 ACTON  
 CHINESE  
 CULTURE  
 DAY**

Saturday, June 5, 2010  
 (Rain date June 12)  
 10:00AM - 4:00PM  
 NARA Park  
 211 Ledge Rock Way, Acton

Onstage Performance  
 Dragon Dance & Martial Arts  
 Art Exhibitions  
 Authentic Chinese Food  
 Tea Tasting  
 Books, Music & Videos  
 Souvenir Sale  
 Kids Activities

**Classical Concert**  
**in the Park**  
**Thursday, June 17**  
**6:30 PM**  
**NARA Park Amphitheater**

*This concert has been donated  
 by the Great Middle of Acton*

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

*All activities are subject to change*

# Lions Club Town Fair at NARA Park!



Wednesday, June 23, 5-10PM

Thursday, June 24, 5-10PM

Friday, June 25, 5-10PM

Saturday, June 26, 12-10PM

Sunday, June 27, 12-6PM



[www.actonlions.org](http://www.actonlions.org)

All activities subject to change.  
[www.acton-ma.gov](http://www.acton-ma.gov)

# Celebrating Acton's 275 Anniversary

## Special Ticket Events!

**Thursday, July 1  
Ticketed Comedy Night**

**Friday, July 2  
Ticketed Concert**

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as we finalize details  
of this event.*

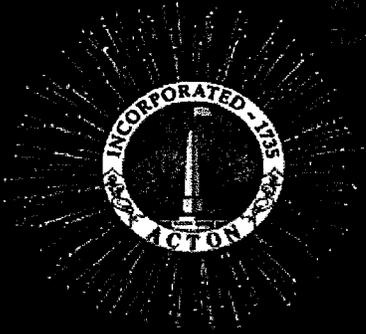
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Saturday, July 3

NARA Park

Festivities Begin at 6:30 PM



Free  
Samples!



Fireworks  
Donated by  
**DONELANS**



# 2nd Annual Sri Lanka Day

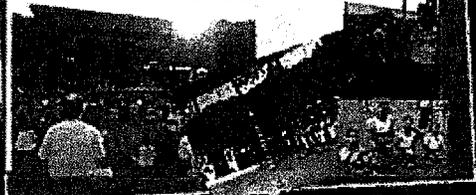
Saturday, July 10

NARA Park

4-8 PM



CULTURAL ENRICHMENT EVENT  
MUSIC · FOOD · DANCE · GAMES



*All activities subject to change.*

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

[www.srilankaday.org](http://www.srilankaday.org)

## Java Jive Band



[www.javajiveband.com](http://www.javajiveband.com)

Summer Concert at NARA Park

Thursday, July 15

6:30 PM

Java Jive Band performs a mix of music consisting of Swing, Motown, Blues, Classic Rock, Soft Rock, R & B and Current Hits.

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

## INDIAN HILL JAZZ QUARTET

NARA Park Amphitheater

Thursday, July 22

6:30-8:30 PM

Free Concert

[www.indianhillmusic.org](http://www.indianhillmusic.org)

## The Chicken Slacks



*Boston's premier funk and soul revival band*

Summer Concert in the Park

The Chicken Slacks

Thursday, July 29

6:30 PM

NARA Amphitheater

[www.chickenslacks.com](http://www.chickenslacks.com)

Children's Concert Night

NARA Park Amphitheater

Thursday, August 5

6:30-7:30 PM



[www.toejokepuppetband.com](http://www.toejokepuppetband.com)



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

STARZ N LIGHTZ SUMMER 2010

# Summer Stock



**WIZARD OF OZ** Little Dorothy Gale of Kansas, like so many girls her age, dreams of what lies over the rainbow. One day a twister hits her farm and carries her away over the rainbow to another world. Come join Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tinman, the Cowardly Lion and Toto as they travel the universe of Dorothy's imagination.

Follow the Yellow Brick Road to NARA Park as StarzNLightz and the Town of Acton Recreation Department present this wonderful family classic on the NARA Park Stage for the community this summer!

**Ages 5-10 & Ages 11-18**

A four-week intensive program for the month of July 2010

Registration: Opens 2/1/2010

Auditions: June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>

Rehearsals: Begin the week of July 5<sup>th</sup>

Ages 5-10: Oz Kids rehearse Mon-Thurs 9:00-12:00pm

Ages 11-18: Oz Teens rehearse Mon-Thurs 7:00-9:00pm

Tuition: Oz Kids—\$350 Oz Teens—\$250

For full ENJOY StarzNLightz.org! For a complete list of all events, visit our website: [www.StarzNLightz.org](http://www.StarzNLightz.org) or call us at 978-251-1111. We have a great staff of professionals and a fantastic company. For more information, visit [www.StarzNLightz.org](http://www.StarzNLightz.org)

Show Dates August 6 & 7 (Main Date August 6)

NARA Park Amphitheater **FREE ADMISSION**

**Beach Party Luau**

featuring

**60's Invasion**

**Saturday, August 14**

**3-7 PM**

**Beach Admission Required for Beach/Swim Use**

Fun and Games include

Shell Search

Musical beach Towers

Hula Hoop Contest

Crazy Beach Dress & Dash

Coconut Roll

Hot Flamingo

Pass the Kiwi and more!

Food Vendors Onsite



[www.sixtiesinvasion.com](http://www.sixtiesinvasion.com)

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

All other events are subject to change

2010 WINNER

**WINNER**



**THE DRAGON KING**

# BLACKSTONE VALLEY

Thursday, August 26

6:30-8:30 PM

NARA Park

[www.blackstonevalleybluegrass.com](http://www.blackstonevalleybluegrass.com)

**Band:** Yes - there really is a Blackstone Valley and we all lived there when we started the band. Located in the heart of central MA, exposure to the heavy metal content of the Blackstone river has produced a copious amount of fine bluegrass pickers. Most notably are the Dick Brothers from Sutton. Renowned musicians and celebrated recording artists, this brother combo will WOW you with their award winning picking. The Taylor-Nowlan bass/mandolin combo has been together in numerous bands for over 10 years. With their own distinctive style, these two crank out solid rhythm, and like to have a little fun too! Put these four longtime friends together and you have a group that has excellent musicianship, fine harmonies, high energy and a true love of the music. Breakdowns and Gospel. Fiddle tunes and a Waltz. This is bluegrass! You will not be disappointed!!

Sponsored by:  Middlesex Savings Bank



**Sun. Sept. 12, 2010**  
**1:00-5:00 PM**

**NARA Park**

**Sponsorships and Donations Welcome!**

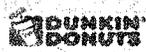
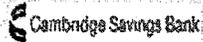
**Seeking:**

- Arts & Crafts Vendors
- Produce Specialties Vendors
- Community Groups
- Local Businesses

**Contact us at:**  
**recreation@acton-ma.gov**  
**978-264-9608 ext. 0**

Please visit our website for updates  
[www.acton-ma.gov](http://www.acton-ma.gov)  
 Detailed flyer will be available at the end of August

**Premier Sponsorships Received**  
**received for Acton Day 2010 as of 2.10.10**


**Monsterbash!**  
**NARA-Park Amphitheater**  
**Friday, October 22**  
**7:00-9:00 PM**

*Music & Fun*  
*Costume!*  
*Ghoulish Games & More!*

**Help**  
**How**

**E: \$3 Per Person Over Age 2**




## Donations Welcome for Community Events

In order to maintain free events for the community especially in these tough economic times, we are seeking donations from both private citizens and businesses.

If you would like to help by making a tax-deductible contribution, please send your check payable to "Town of Acton" and mail to:

Acton Recreation Department  
 472 Main Street  
 Acton, MA 01720

100% of you tax-deductible contribution is used only for the purpose given. Please let us know if you would like your donation contribution to free concerts, July 4 or Acton Day.