



2024 Information Guide

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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John LeBlanc
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Todd Hassett

Building Inspector
Nathan Darling

Health Agent
Edward Cullen

Police Chief
Matthew Perkins

Fire Chief
Michael O'Brien

Superintendent of Streets
Franklin Moniz

Council on Aging Director
Lori Fahey

Human Resources Director
Lacey Marshall

Town Planner
TBD

Welcome to Lakeville!

This publication was designed to act as a reference guide, providing information about the Town of Lakeville and our local community.

I sincerely hope that the reader will enjoy this brochure and find it to be a ready source of useful information.

Lillian M. Drane, Town Clerk

Facts about Lakeville

Originally settled by the Wampanoag Indians

Lakeville has a rich history as it served as home to many Wampanoag Indians dating back to the 1600's. One of the first land transactions is a recorded deed from 1667.

Incorporated in 1853

Lakeville was incorporated in 1853, after separating from Middleboro. Other suggestions for the name of the town were Nelson, Bristol, and Laketon.

The Town Hall – Past & Present

In 1853 a building committee was nominated to establish an official meeting place for the Town. The building, which sits at the corner of Precinct and Bedford Streets, served as the Town Hall for almost 100 years. The current town office building is housed in a pumping station built by the City of Taunton in 1894. The Town of Lakeville purchased the building in 1952.

American Bald Eagles

In 1993 a nest that held American Bald Eagle chicks was discovered on Assawompset Pond. Over twenty years later, the eagles still reside on the Pond. With a bit of luck and good timing they can sometimes be seen soaring over Lakeville.

Population

In 1879 the population of Lakeville was 1,061.
As of the 2020 Federal Census there were 11,523 residents.





2024 ELECTIONS CALENDAR



EVENT/ELECTION	DATE	TIME
Presidential Primary	March 5, 2024	7am - 8pm
Annual Town Election	April 1, 2024	12pm – 8pm
State Primary Election	Sept. 3, 2024	7am – 8pm
Presidential Election	November 5, 2024	7am – 8pm

Election Polling Location - Precincts 1, 2 & 3

Loon Pond Lodge at Ted Williams Camp, 28 Precinct Street, Lakeville, MA 02347

*Questions about voting?
Running for office?
Need an absentee ballot?*

The Secretary of State can help!



The website covers campaign finance, absentee ballot requests and tracking, property tax abatement questions and so much more.

www.sec.state.ma.us/

Do you need your voting status & precinct information?



Scan

(Use the QR Code-Install App)

2024 Town Meeting

DATE	TOWN MEETINGS	TIME	LOCATION
*June 10, 2024	Special Town Meeting	6:30pm	Apponequet Regional High School 100 Howland Road, Lakeville, MA 02347
*June 10, 2024	Annual Town Meeting	7:00pm	

A quorum of 100 residents is required to open a town meeting.

***PROPOSED ANNUAL & SPECIAL TOWN MEETING (General By-law, c2, §2) – DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Municipal Boards

The following is a partial list of municipal committees within the Town of Lakeville. This list consists of appointed and elected boards that meet on a regular basis. Information regarding any board, committee or commission may be obtained by calling the Town Clerk's office at 508-946-8800.

Agricultural Commission

David Thomas

Board of Appeals

M. John Olivieri

Historical Commission

Nancy LaFave

Library Trustees

Ruth Gross

Board of Assessors

M. John Olivieri

Conservation Commission

Robert Bouchard

Cable TV Advisory

Thomas Cirignano

Planning Board

Mark Knox

Select Board

Brian Day

Finance Committee

Christopher Plonka

Council on Aging

Deveney Boyadjian

Cemetery Commission

Kenneth Upham

Board of Health

Christopher Spratt

Park Commission

Melissa Turcotte

Open Space

Amy Knox

Energy Advisory

Richard Velez

F-L Regional School District

William Sienkewicz

Lakeville Arts Council

Joanne Corrieri-Upham

Master Plan Implementation

Rodney Dixon

Board Meetings

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, the public is welcome to attend all board meetings. Meeting notices are legally posted at the Town Clerk's Office and are available to view on the town website at www.lakevillema.org under the calendar heading. In addition, they are published in several local newspapers and are also listed on the local cable channel, LakeCAM.

Most of the board meetings are located at:

Lakeville Public Library

4 Precinct Street

Lakeville Senior Center

1 Dear Crossing

Lakeville Police Station

323 Bedford Street

Treasurer/Tax Collector's Office

The Treasurer's Office is responsible for the collection of all monies due to the Town of Lakeville. Monies are collected for real estate taxes, personal property; motor vehicle excise taxes, departmental receipts, parking tickets and municipal lien certificates.

The **FY24 tax rate is \$10.55** per thousand valuations. Property taxes are collected on a quarterly basis.

Online payment information is available at www.lakevillema.org or you can contact the Treasurer's Office at 508-946-8801 for more information.



Telephone Numbers

For Emergency Dial 911

Fire Department (business) 508-947-4121
346 Bedford Street
www.lakevillema.org/departments/fire.cfm

Police Department (business) 508-947-4422
323 Bedford Street
www.lakevillepd.org

Council on Aging 508-947-7224
1 Dear Crossing
www.lakevillecoa.org

Highway Department 508-947-9521
6 Montgomery Street
www.lakevillema.org/departments/highway.cfm

Animal Control 508-947-3891
8 Montgomery Street
www.lakevillema.org/departments/animal_shelter.cfm



Town Hall Offices 346 Bedford Street

Office Hours:

*Monday - Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

Accountant	508-946-8807
Assessor's Office	508-947-8809
Building Department	508-946-8804
Conservation Commission	508-946-8823
Health, Board of	508-946-8805
Human Resource Dept	508-946-8808
Planning Board	508-946-8803
Select Board	508-946-8803
Town Administrator	508-946-8823
Town Clerk's Office	508-946-8800
Town Planner	774-776-4350
Treasurer/Collector Office	508-946-8801
Zoning Board of Appeals	508-946-8800

Mailing address for all town offices & departments is
346 Bedford Street, Lakeville, MA 0237

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

www.lakevillema.org

& FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

<https://www.facebook.com/lakevillema.org/>



Veteran's Agent

Wilford Corey serves as the Veteran's Agent for the Town of Lakeville. Mr. Corey has office hours at the Council on Aging on Fridays from 8:00am – 4:00pm p.m. *Contact 508-946-8824 for additional information or to schedule an appointment.*

Animal Shelter – 8 Montgomery Street

The Lakeville Animal Shelter is now on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/lakevillema.org/). The Shelter is open for adoptions on Wednesdays from 6:30am to 8:00pm and Saturdays from 1:00pm to 3:00 pm.



- Freetown Lakeville Regional School District** 508-923-2000
Central Office
98 Howland Road, Lakeville www.freelake.org/pages/Freetown-Lakeville_RSD
- Assawompset Elementary School** 508-947-1403
232 Main Street, Lakeville <http://www.edline.net/pages/AssawompsetES>
- George R. Austin Intermediate School (GRAIS)** 508-923-3506
112 Howland Road, Lakeville www.edline.net/pages/Austin_Intermediate_School
- Freetown Lakeville Middle School (FLMS)** 508-923-3518
96 Howland Road, Lakeville www.edline.net/pages/Freetown-Lakeville_MS
- Apponequet Regional High School** 508-947-2660
100 Howland Road, Lakeville www.edline.net/pages/Apponequet_Regional_HS
- Bristol County Agricultural High School** 508-669-6744
135 Center Street, Dighton http://www.edline.net/pages/Bristol_County_Agr_High
- Old Colony Regional Vo-Tech High School** 508-763-8011
476 North Avenue, Rochester <http://www.oldcolony.us/>

Lakeville Public Library
4 Precinct Street
508-947-9028

Monday & Tuesday – 10:00am - 8:00pm
Wednesday – 10:00am – 6:00pm
Thursday – 10:00am – 8:00pm
Saturday – 10:00am – 2:00pm
Friday & Sunday – Closed

Visit the library website at
www.lakevillelibrary.org/lakeville/

‘Like’ them on Facebook!



Places of Worship

Sts. Martha and Mary – 508-947-2107
354 Bedford Street

United Church of Christ – 508-947-4979
3 Precinct Street

Cornerstone Community Church – 508-946-0933
111 Highland Road

Grace Fellowship Foursquare – 508-947-4149
86 Highland Road

Church of the Nazarene – 508-947-4062
180 Main Street

St. John Neumann – 508-763-2240
157 Middleboro Road, East Freetown



Senators in Congress

Senator Elizabeth Warren 617-565-3170
2400 JFK Federal Building
15 New Sudbury Street
Boston, MA 02203

Senator Edward Markey 617-565-8519
975 JFK Federal Building
15 New Sudbury Street
Boston, MA 02222

U.S. Representative in Congress 4th District
Rep. Jake Auchincloss 202-225-5931
306 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

State Senator

1st Bristol and Plymouth Senatorial District
Senator Michael Rodrigues 617-722-1114
State House, Room 213B
Boston, MA 02133
michael.rodrigues@masenate.gov

State Representative

Rep. Norman Orrall 617-722-2090
State House, Room 540
Boston, MA 02133
norman.orrall@mahouse.gov

Dog Licenses



All dogs 6 months and older need to be licensed in accordance with Mass. General Laws. The licensing is required by April 30th each year. Rabies vaccinations have to be up-to-date in order to obtain a license. Single licenses (not kennels) may be purchased through the mail sending the license fee along with a copy of the rabies certificate and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Town Clerk's Office. The current fee for a neutered male or a spayed female is \$10.00 and \$16.00 for a dog that is not altered. Kennels vary in price according to the size of the kennel. Licenses paid after April 30th are subject to a \$50.00 late fee; licenses paid after September 30th are subject to a \$100.00 late fee.

Residents should notify the Town Clerk's office if they no longer have a dog that was previously licensed.

Rabies Clinics are held each spring at the Highway Barn on Montgomery Street. More information is available at www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/animal-health/rabies-control-program/rabies-clinics.html

Local Media

Television

LakeCAM – Comcast Channels 95, 20 & 9
Verizon Channels 30, 31 & 32

Newspapers

NemasketWeek 508-717-9799
New Bedford Standard Times 800-445-7482
Brockton Enterprise 508-427-4000

Utilities

Electricity

Middleboro Gas & Electric 508-947-1371
Taunton Municipal Light Plant 508-824-6976
Eversource (formerly NStar) 1-800-592-2000

Cable/Internet/Phone

Verizon 1-800-837-4966
438 West Grove Street, Middleborough, MA
Comcast 1-800-266-2278
163 East Grove Street, Middleborough, MA



BURNING PERMITS



The burning of brush, cane, trees, and driftwood (from other than commercial, institutional or residential land clearing operations) is allowed with a permit between January 15th and April 30th ONLINE ONLY. Burning of grass, hay, leaves, stumps, and construction materials is prohibited. Permits can be obtained from the Lakeville Fire Department at 346 Bedford Street. The fee for the permit is \$10.00. Prior to burning, all residents must contact the Fire Department to obtain permission.

Regulations are available online: [www. https://lakevillema.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1082](https://lakevillema.viewpointcloud.com/categories/1082)

Transfer Station

100 Kenneth Welch Drive
508-947-6599

Days/Hours:

Sunday, Monday & Wednesday - CLOSED
Tuesday: 12 pm. – 7:45 pm.
Thursday: 10 am. – 3:15 pm.
Friday & Saturday: 7 am. – 3:15 pm.

PURCHASE FROM JULY 1st- JUNE 30th

RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL STICKERS (as of July 1, 2023)

Transfer Station Sticker Fee: \$70.00 (\$10.00 for additional vehicles)

All vehicles are required to have a visible sticker. They are available for purchase at the Transfer Station office. Proof of residency and the vehicle registration is required.

Town Trash Bags (as of Nov. 11, 2019)

Large Package (30 gallons) of Five \$15.00
Small Package (17 gallons) of Five \$10.00

All non-recyclable items must be in Town of Lakeville trash bags, or considered a bulky waste item.

Bags can be purchased at the following retailers:

Winberg's True Value	Transfer Station
Hannaford	Star Liquor Store
Joe's Gas	Tamarack Liquors
Trucchi's	Walgreen's
Lakeville Liquors & Market	Muckeys

See separate price list of disposal rates for bulky waste as well as acceptable recycle materials



Lakeville Council on Aging



The Lakeville Senior Center is located at 1 Dear Crossing, just off Precinct Street. All seniors are invited to participate in the Council on Aging events. Some of the activities include tai chi, art classes, blood pressure clinics, meals on wheels, pharmacy and elder care consultants, day trips, luncheons and much more. The COA publishes a monthly newsletter; if you would like to receive a copy. Please contact their office at 508-947-7224 to be entered onto their mailing list or for more information on the services that are offered.

Lakeville Historical Society - 442 Bedford Street

The Lakeville Historical Society Museum is located in the old Union Grove Chapel and is open June through September, Saturday 10am-12pm and Sunday 2pm-4pm. On display is a varied collection of historical items from the region. The Historical Society offers programs throughout the year. For membership information, please contact: 508-947-3976.

The calendar can be found online at www.urnandwillow.com/LkvHisSoc.html



Love the arts?

Visit the Great Ponds Gallery located in the Lakeville Public Library. The gallery features a rotating exhibit for local and regional artists and also can serve as a display space for personal collections.

A schedule of upcoming exhibits, as well as applications for consideration as an artist or collector can be found on the library website at: www.lakevillelibrary.org



Lakeville is also home to the annual Arts and Music Festival, every October at the corners of Bedford, Main and Precinct Streets. It is a one-day festival featuring local artisans and musicians. www.lakevillearts.com

Get Involved!

Friends of Vigers –

Contact Sarah Kulakovich: sarah.kulakovich@gmail.com or Find them on Facebook!

Friends of the Library –

Contact them at: <https://www.lakevillelibrary.org/friends-of-the-library.html>

Lakeville Litter Lifters-

Contact them at: lakevillelitter-lifters@hotmail.com

Parent Teacher Organizations -

Information is available under the 'Parent/Student' tab on each school's website.

Poll Workers –

Contact Lillian Drane, Town Clerk: 508-946-8800 or ldrane@lakevillema.org

Additional Information can be found here: www.lakevillema.org/2015%20volunteer%20form.pdf

Outdoor Points of Interest

Betty's Neck (Assawompset Pond Complex) – Off Long Point Road. Located along the shores of Assawompset Pond Betty's Neck provides 350 acres for walking, hiking and picnicking. Mountain biking on established trails is also allowed, along with more passive recreation like nature study, photography and artistic work. Dogs are allowed but must be leashed. Shoreline fishing is allowed in some areas and hunting permits are issued yearly by lottery. Contact the APC Manager at 508-946-8823 for additional information.

Clear Pond Park – Clear Pond Road. Open from late June – August. Clear Pond Park is a 57-acre recreational swimming facility suitable for children of all ages. Facilities include a small playground, diving raft, picnic sites and barbeque grills, a snack bar and restrooms. Daily and seasonal passes are available.

Tamarack Park – Bedford Street. The Tamarack Park is a 44-acre site at the head of Assawompset Neck. The park is a mix of marsh and upland and provides a picnic area as well as a canoe launch into Long Pond.

Ted Williams Camp- Precinct or Bedford Streets. Ted Williams Camp offers an active recreational site in the center of Lakeville. It is the home of the local soccer, little league and youth football leagues. There are baseball diamonds, soccer fields, tennis courts, sand volleyball courts, basketball courts, and horseshoe pits. The newly renovated Loon Pond Lodge is available for rent for a variety of social occasions.

A full listing of facilities can be found at: www.lakevillema.org/parks%20and%20recreation%20info.pdf

Youth Sports Organizations



Apponequet Junior Football & Cheerleading:

www.ajfc.org



Freetown Lakeville Basketball Club:

<https://flbasketballclub.weebly.com/>



Freetown Lakeville Soccer Club:

www.freelakeunited.org



Lakeville Little League:

www.lakevillelittleleague.com/



Lakeville Playground Association

T-Ball & Babe Ruth Baseball – www.lpabaseball.org/
Softball -www.lpasoftball.org



Lakers Lacrosse:

www.lakerlacrosse.com/

HELPFUL INFORMATION – AT A GLANCE

TOWN HALL HOURS: M-TH 8:00AM-4:30PM, F- 8:00AM-NOON | SELECT BOARD OFFICE: M-TH 9:00AM-5:00PM, F- 8:00AM-NOON

THERE IS A TOWN CLERK DROP BOX FOR TOWN CLERK BUSINESS & A SEPARATE PAYMENT BOX FOR TAX PAYMENTS (CHECKS ONLY) LOCATED OUTSIDE OF TOWN HALL –

REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX:

- Quarterly bills due Aug. 1st, Nov. 1st, Feb 1st & May 1st. Fiscal Tax Year (July 1st-June 30th.)
- Tax bills will be mailed twice a year, normally by July 1st & January 1st.
- Each bill will contain Two Payment Coupons, one for each quarter.
- Request for previous year's tax information – Contact the Treasurer/Tax Collector's Office at (508)946-8801.

EXCISE TAX:

- The first mailing occurs in late Jan- early Feb. Additional mailing occur throughout the year.
- When transferring/cancelling a plate, contact the Assessor's office at (508) 946-8809. You must fill out and submit an abatement form with the cancelled plate receipt in order to receive your abatement.

TOWN CENSUS:

- Mailed in late December. Complete, sign/date form & return to the Town Clerk's Office.
- It is very important to respond to the Census, as sending 2nd notices are an added expense to the residents of Lakeville.
- The Census establishes legal residence for voting privileges & town benefits. It is also the vehicle by which annual street lists are printed for distribution to police, fire and medical personnel. It is the census figures that are used to determine grants or to receive state and federal reimbursements and aide. School enrollments are also based on town census.
- The census form **does not register you to vote.**

TOWN MEETING:

- Please monitor the town's website (www.lakevillema.org), town's Facebook page, LakeCAM, local newspaper and sign at the four corners in the center of Lakeville.
- Annual Town Meeting – 2nd Monday in June (General By-Laws; Ch.2 §.2)
- Special Town Meeting – continue to monitor through proper channels listed above for date/time.
- A copy of the warrant will be posted at: The Town Office Building, Baldies Pizzeria, Fat Cousin's Pizza, the Clark Shores Assoc. bulletin board, Apponequet Regional High School, the Senior Center & Assawompset School.

VOTER REGISTRATION:

- Voter registration forms are available at the Town Clerk's Office, Library, Online and the RMV.
- You can register to vote on the Secretary of State's website at: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/>
- If you are a registered voter and move out of Lakeville, it is very important to notify the Town Clerk's Office at (508) 946-8800.

ELECTIONS:

- All elections for Precinct 1, 2 & 3 are located at Loon Pond Lodge at Ted Williams Camp; 28 Precinct Street.
- Annual Town Election – 1st Monday in April from 12:00pm-8:00pm. (General By-Laws; Ch.2 §.1)
- A copy of the warrant will be posted at: The Town Office Building, Baldies Pizzeria, Fat Cousin's Pizza, the Clark Shores Assoc. bulletin board, Apponequet Regional High School, the Senior Center & Assawompset School.

DOG LICENSES:

- Available January 2nd each year. Proof of rabies certificate is required (spay/neuter if applicable.)
- Fees: Male/Female - \$16, Neutered/Spayed - \$10
- Late fees: After April 30th – Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), After October 1st – One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)
- If you no longer have your dog, please contact the Town Clerk's Office.

BUSINESS CERTIFICATES:

- Anyone operating a business in the town should contact the Town Clerk's Office or look on our website at the business certificate information: <https://www.lakevillema.org/town-clerk/pages/business-certificates>

TRANSFER STATION/LANDFILL:

- Hours of operation are as follows: Sun, Mon & Wed; Closed, Tue Noon-7:45PM, Thurs 10:00AM-3:15PM, Fri & Sat 7:00AM-3:15PM
- Transfer Station Sticker Fee: \$70.00 (\$10.00 for additional vehicles) Proof of residency is required.
- Private trash hauler contact information can be found at the Board of Health (508-946-3473.)
- Any other questions related to the transfer station can be directed to the Highway Department (508-947-9521.)

LOCAL CABLE:

- Please monitor LakeCAM (<http://www.lakecam.tv/>) for board/committee meetings, local information and other current events. Comcast – channel's 9, 20 & 95, Verizon – channel's 30, 31 &32.

VETERAN'S SERVICES:

- For assistance with obtaining veteran services, please contact Wilford Corey at (508)946-8824.
- Hours: Friday 8:00AM-4:00PM; other days by appointment only.