

Welcome New Families

Today's Agenda



- Presidents' Welcome (5 mins)
 - LHS-PTO Mission and Guiding Principles-2020
 - How we are organized / When We Meet / How You Can Get Involved
- Membership Welcome (5 mins)
 - What Does Membership Mean / How Do You Join / What Do We Fund?
- Forums Welcome (5 mins)
 - Frequency of Offerings / Schedule

Agenda continued...



- Hospitality Welcome
 - Lexington High School (5 mins)
 - Overview of How to Access Info at LHS
 - How to Navigate LHS-The Building
 - Overview of Town Resources (5 mins)
 - Town Website, Cary Memorial Library (CML)
 - Affinity Groups (5 mins)
 - CAAL, IAL, KoLex, JPLex, ABCL, LexPride, LexFUN!, Lexington-at-Home
 - Organizations in Town
 - Interfaith Garden, Food Pantry, Newcomers Group, Historical Society, Tourism, Garden Club
 - Sports Groups, Community Center, Hayden, Recreation Department
 - Faith Organizations
 - Parent and Guardian Introductions (25 mins)
 - Wrap-Up (5 mins)

PTO/A President Council



Presidents

Vineeta Kumar Kim McCormick



Principal & Asst. Principal







Chaula Patel

Sonali Shah









Treasurers

Rositza Racheva Khaled Barazi





VPs Hospitality

Kat MacDonald Cathy Swan



VPs Forums

Upasna Chhabra Committee Craig Sandler



VPs Mini-Grants

Betsy Wilkinson Lee Noel Chase





VPs IT

PK Shiu Pathik Patel





Communications

Audra Myerberg Miranda Clarke





VPs Membership

Jennifer Gerfen Meg Khanolkar



VP Board Recruitment

Pathik Patel



PTO Membership

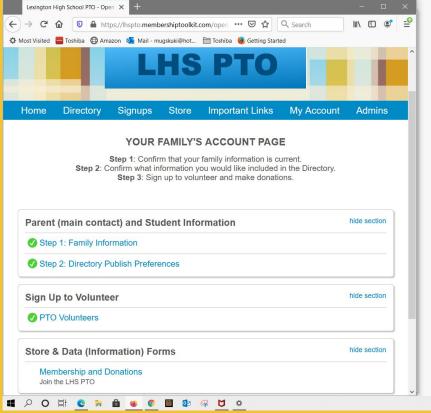
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PTO Membership



Activating your Account by logging in and confirming your email address gives you the control over what info you would like shared and guarantees that you stay on our mailing lists.

Your Membership and Donations directly support the LHS community and students.

Membership gives you access to the online Directory and the option to purchase a print directory. Only Members are allowed to vote in PTO elections.



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Forums



FORUM: POSITIVE PARENTING IN A PANDEMIC

• When: Tuesday, October 27, 9-10:30 am

• Zoom: link to follow

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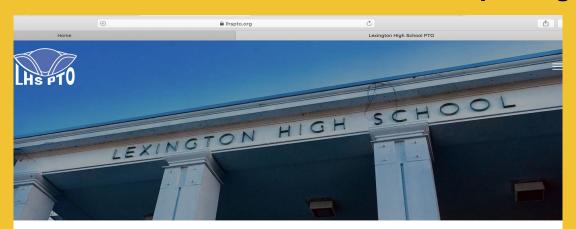


Hospitality



Ways to Access Information at LHS 1. LHS PTO Website www.lhspto.org





Welcome from the LHS PTO.

Our mission is to enhance the education and welfare of LHS students and to foster communication throughout the LHS community. Read more about the the LHS PTO ».

News & Announcements



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SHOP NEW LHS MERCH STORE

We hope you and your families are healthy and safe during these unprecedented times. We have heard from many that fostering a sense of belonging would help during these difficult times, so we are launching LHS Merch to help build a sense of community. This is not a fundraiser.

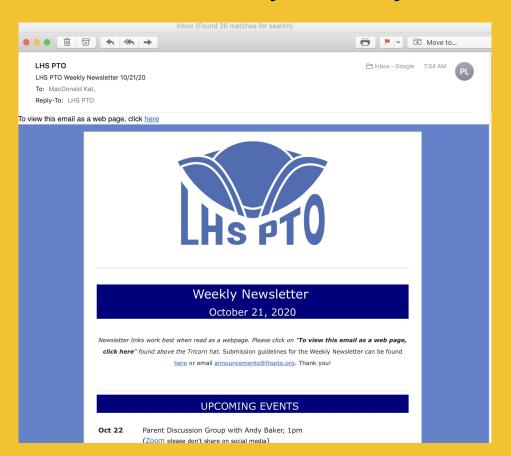


Be a Member of your LHS PTO!

Members receive access to the LHS family/student directory and weekly news updates. Members make a difference at LHS by contributing to resources for teachers and supporting community-building activities.

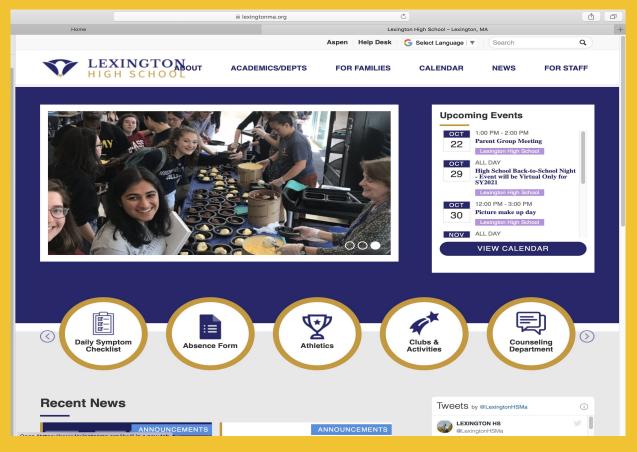
2. LHS PTO Newsletter Emailed every Wednesday





3. LHS Website www.lexingtonma.org/lhs/





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ACADEMICS/DEPTS

FOR FAMILIES

CALENDAR

NEWS

FOR STAFF

Parents

- Aspen Portal
- Equity at LPS
- Food Services
- Naviance
- Online Payments
- Post Secondary Planning
- PTO
- Reporting Absences
- RLA/Hybrid Block Schedule
- · School Resource Officer
- Student Registration
- Transportation

For Students

- → 2020 2021 Program of Studies
- → 2019 2020 Program of Studies
- + 2020 -2021 Scheduling
- Announcements at LHS
- · Reporting Incidents Aspen Student Portal
- AP Information
- Breakfast/Lunch
- · Clubs & Activities
- · Community Service
- Grade Level Assets
- · Graduation Requirements
- LHS Yearbook
- National Honor Society
- Naviance
- RLA/Hybrid Block Schedule
- Student Council
- Student/Faculty Senate
- Student Tech Resources
- Work Permits/Job Opportunities

Community

- Alumni
- Cary Memorial Library
- LexFUN!
- Lexington Community Education
- Lexington Education Foundation
- Lexington Media
- → Lexington Minuteman Lexington Sepac
- · Lexington Youth and Family Services
- Town of Lexington, MA

Forms, Policies, and **Publications**

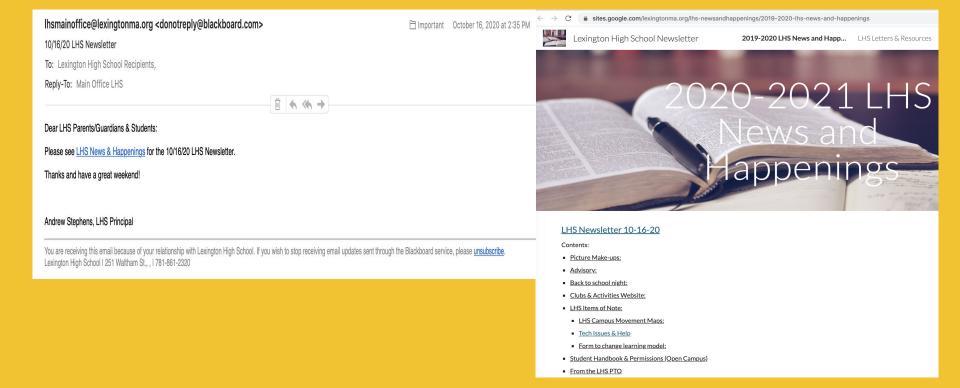
- 1:1 Device Permission Form
- RLA/Hybrid Block Schedule
- I Block Handbook
- LSC Policies
- Student Handbook



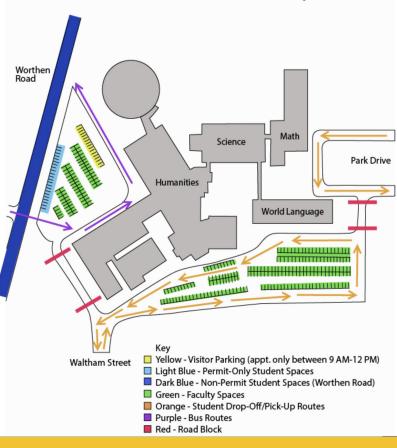
4. Principal's Weekly Newsletter

Sent via email every Friday Must click on date





Lexington High School Vehicle Directional Map





Affinity Groups in Town

LHS P10

Each has its own website, board, events

ABCL - Association of Black Citizens of Lexington **CAAL** - Chinese American Association of Lexington **IAL-** Indian Americans of Lexington JPLex - Japanese Support Group of Lexington KoLex - Korean-American Organization of Lexington LexFUN! - Families with Children under 5 LexPride - LGBTQIA People and their Allies Lexington-at-Home - Elders Aging at Home

www.lexingtonma.gov - Main Town Website













Special Town Meeting to be held virtually



Find fun programs lessons, courses, plus parks, pools, and open space



Properties & Permits assessments, tax info, permits, GIS and maps



Get rid of stuff

October

trash, recycling, compost, medical, hazardous waste



Get help

mental health & social services for all ages, families, veterans



Pay bills online and use our other online services

Town News

Town Events

Public Meetings

Stay Informed

Upcoming Events

23

S M T W T F 28 30

- All Town Events
- Community Calendar
- Special Events

The Long Shadow Q&A October 21, 2020 - 7:30pm

Inclusion Forum - Youth, Teen & Young Adult Programs October 22, 2020 - 6:30pm to 7:30pm

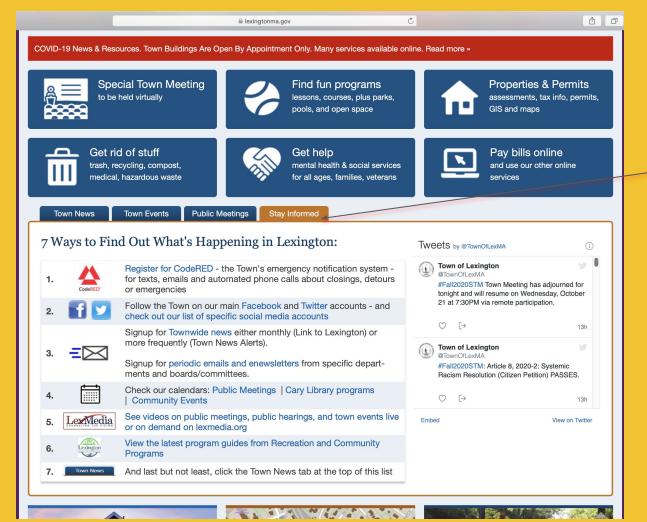
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Spooktacular Pumpkin Drive Thru October 23, 2020 - 3:00pm to 6:00pm





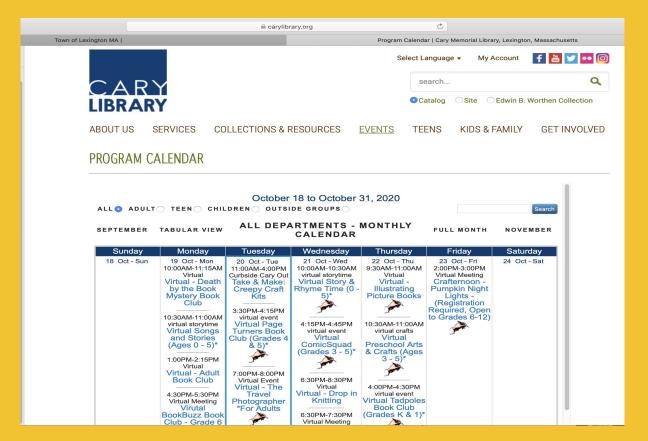






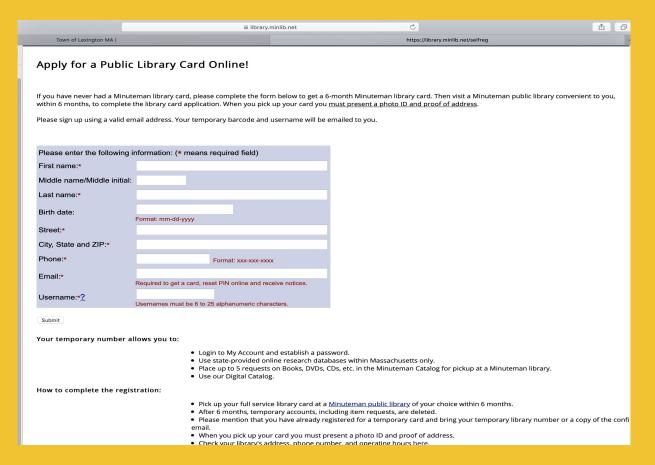
www.carylibrary.org - Town's Library

right in center of town on Mass Ave

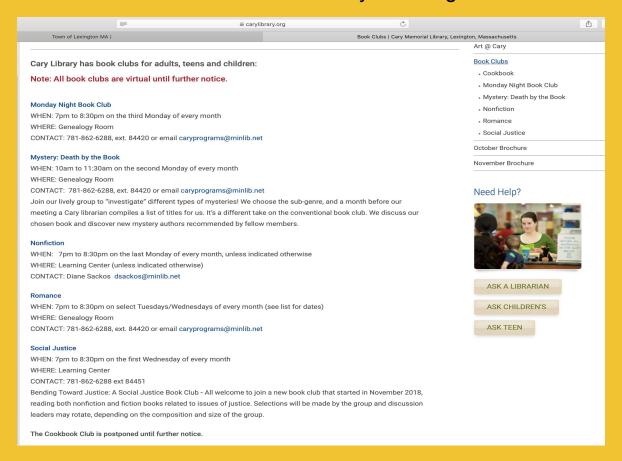




Note you can get a library card online RIGHT NOW - temporary and good for 6 more



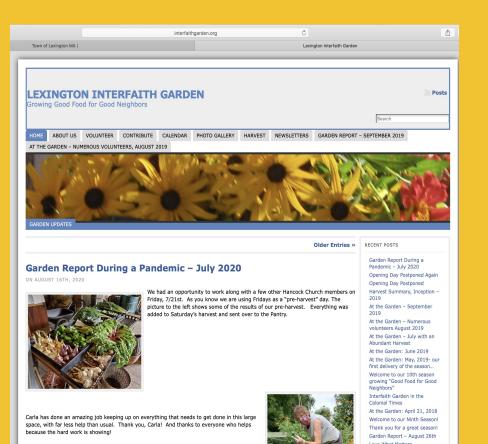
Very active Teen Group - TEEN ONLY Room in Library MANY events at Library for all ages

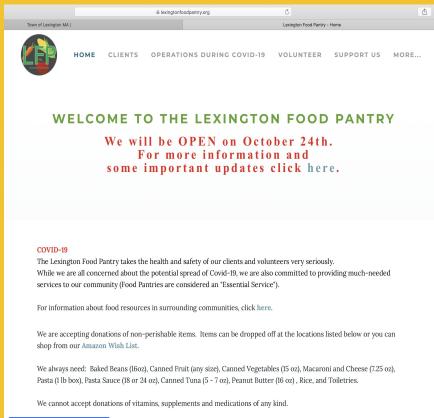




Lexington Interfaith Garden/ Lexington Food Pantry

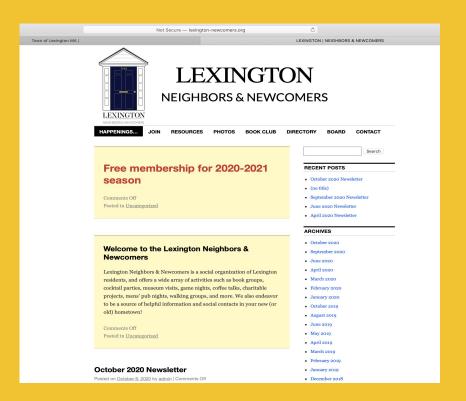


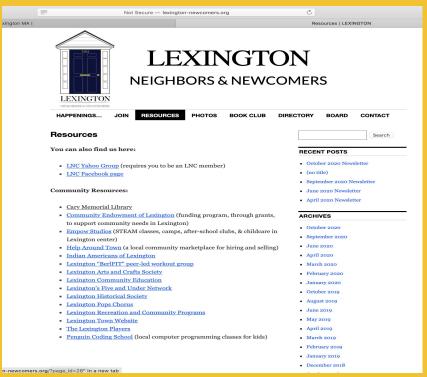




Lexington Newcomers Group

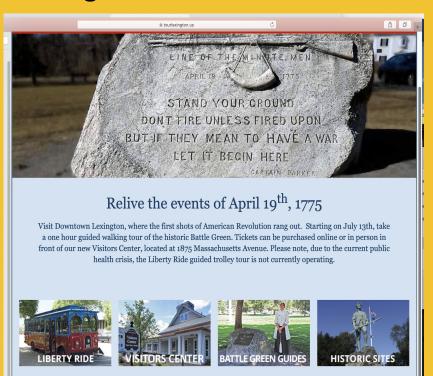








Lexington - Tourists



Lexington Historical Society

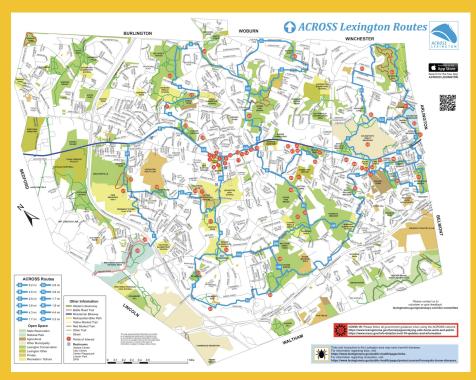




Minuteman Bikeway

Not Secure — minutemanbikeway.org Bikeway Map Download high resolution PDF (large file). The Minuteman Commuter Bikeway Points of Interest Along the Bikeway Alewife Station Public transit station on the Arlington/Cambridge line offers bus and subway access and free bike parking. LEXINGTON Spy Pond Park and Field. Children's play space, boat ramp, picnic tables and ice skating when the pond freezes. Arlington Center The Town of Arlington is only 5.5 square miles, so nothing is far from the Bikeway. Bikeway users are encouraged to visit eateries/businesses along the Mass Ave corridor and enjoy respite in parks scattered throughout the community. Details on reverse. Cooke's Hollow Early mill site, now a green space along Mill Brook. Old Schwamb Mill Oldest still functioning (since 1864) mill in the US. Renowned for oval high-quality wooden frames. WOBURN Arlington Reservoir Nature path around the reservoir; sandy beach, Habitat Garden, swans. Arlington's Great Meadows Hiking trails through natural habitat. Tower Park A shady picnic area alongside the Bikeway; site of a battle between British forces and the Colonial militia. Munroe Tavern and British History Museum Revolutionary War site that played a prominent role in the Battle of Lexington and Concord. Now preserved and operated as a museum with exhibits highlighting the role and perspective of the British soldiers during the outbreak of the waz. en "minutemanbikeway.org/home/about/" in a new tab 542 and incorporated in 1713. Lexington is best

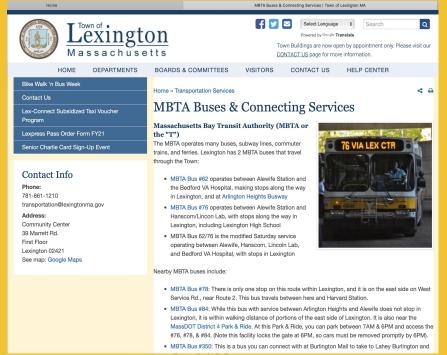
ACROSS Lexington Routes





Transportation Lexpress (within Lex) and MBTA (to Boston & Cambridge)





Other Ways to Connect



Sports and Activities

- Community Center (Marrett Road)
- Hayden Center and Hayden Ice Rink
- Recreation Department
- Lexington Youth Basketball, Soccer,
 - Babe Ruth and Little League Baseball..

Faith Communities



Email Discussion Lists Related to Lexington (this may not be exhaustive)



Source: http://www.lexgrassroots.org/email-lists.html

Lexington List Town of Lexington Mailing Lists

Bike Lexington LexFun!

Lexington Reuse It Lexington Parents

Lexington Gardening Lexington Schools

Lexington Internet Everything Free Lexington

Lexington Computer and Technology Group

Lexington Mavens



Kat MacDonald

Spouse: Suzanne Abair

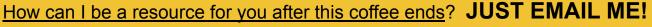
Kids: Alex MacDonald, Syracuse '23

Jacob MacDonald, LHS '22

Raised in Southern CT

Moved from South End of Boston to Lex 2004

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- Hospitality Committee of LHS PTO
- LexPride
- Interfaith Garden
- Human Rights Committee
- Neighbor Brigade
- Cary Library
- Bending Toward Justice: A Social Justice Book Group through Cary Library
- Different neighborhoods of Lexington happy to drive you around Lexington to see all the elementary schools (6), middle schools (2), and other points of interest
 - o My brother-in-law did this for us when we first moved and it really helped get us oriented to the town.





Introductions and Questions

Leader: Cathy Swan, Co-Chair of Hospitality