

September | 2024

IT'S HAPPENING IN LEOMINSTER



CITY EVENTS



DOWNTOWN SOUNDS

Through-September 28 • 5-8pm
Monument Square, Downtown
Local musicians will perform on most
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.
For full schedule, visit [facebook.com/
leominstercommunitydevelopment](https://facebook.com/leominstercommunitydevelopment)

FARMERS MARKET

Saturday, September 7 • 11am-2pm
Monument Square, Downtown

LEOMINSTER FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Friday, September 13 • 5-10pm
Rain date: Friday, September 27
Downtown

31ST ANNUAL JOHNNY APPLESEED FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 14 • 9am-5pm
Downtown
Vendors, food, court, music and crafts.
Free admission and parking.

JOHNNY APPLESEED PARADE

Sunday, September 15 • 2pm
Join us to celebrate the 250th birthday
of Johnny Appleseed in his birthplace of
Leominster, MA

CITYWIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, September 21 • 8am-3pm
Rain or Shine
Register here: tinyurl.com/YardSaleAppFall2024

4TH ANNUAL HISPANIC HERITAGE EVENT

Friday, September 27 • 5-8pm
Monument Square, Downtown
There will be music and food trucks for you
to enjoy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TRACTOR PARADE • CANNOLI FESTIVAL
LEOMINSTER FRIGHTS • HALLOWEEN PARADE

Keep updated on all city events and news!
facebook.com/leominstercommunitydevelopment
leominster-ma.gov • facebook.com/cityofleominsterma

PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS



Labor Day Weekend: The library will be closed Saturday, August 31 through Monday, September 2.

Weekend Hours: The library will be open on Saturdays from 9am-5pm starting September 7 and open on Sundays from 1-5pm beginning September 8.

There's a lot of fun happening at the library in September!

ADULTS

- Alzheimer and Dementia Caregivers Support Group
- Brown Bag Book Group
- Craft Kits: 3D Paper Apples
- Film Night
- Game Afternoon
- Meditation
- English Conversation Class

TEENS

- Henna Night
- Video Game Night
- Halloween Party
- Video Game Night, Movie Night, and Swagly-North

CHILDREN

- Story Times, Crafts, Theater, Music and Star Gazing

Registration is required for most programs.
leominsterlibrary.org.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

FISHING CLINIC

Thursday, September 19 • 5-7pm.

All Ages children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required.
Barrett Park Pond
\$10 Res./\$20 Non-Res.

FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT

Tuesday, September 24 • 5:30-7pm.

Middle School Age-Adult (children must be accompanied by a participating adult)
Pre-registration required
City Hall Tata Auditorium
\$5 per participant Res./
\$10 per participant Non-Res.

FAMILY BUS TRIP TO SALEM

Saturday, September 28 • 9am-6:30pm

Ages 3 and up (All children must be accompanied by an adult)
\$30 per person Res./
\$40 per person Non-Res.

ADULTS

- Tennis, Golf, Pickleball, Yoga

YOUTH

- Sports Cards, Lego Builders
- Tennis, Golf, Street Hockey

PRESCHOOL

- Multi-sports

To register for programs,
scan the QR code or visit
leominsterma.myrec.com.



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

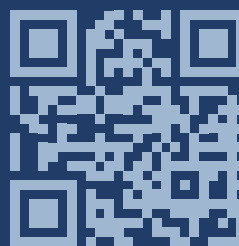
LEOMINSTER'S COMMITMENT TO SAFE WATER: CITY-WIDE SERVICE LINE INVENTORY AND LEAD REMOVAL INITIATIVE

Leominster is conducting a city-wide inventory of water service lines to ensure drinking water safety, complying with the EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. Funded by a State Revolving Fund grant, the inventory will run through October 2024, identifying materials used in service lines from the water main to properties.

Homes built after 1987, when lead pipes were banned in Massachusetts, are exempt from inspection. For others, the city may request visual inspections to identify any lead or galvanized pipes needing replacement. If lead is detected, homeowners will be notified within 30 days of the inventory's expected completion in November 2024.

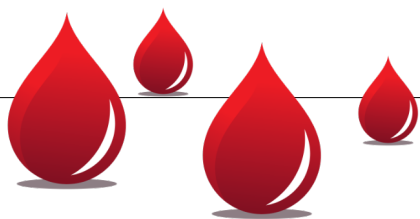
Interested in Your Service Line?

The City of Leominster Lead Service Line Inventory website has additional information and FAQs to answer questions about service lines and the City inventory effort.



[leominster-ma.gov/519/
Water-Service-Line-Inventory](https://leominster-ma.gov/519/Water-Service-Line-Inventory)

HEALTH DEPARTMENT



BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, September 5

9am-2:30pm

Leominster Public Library,
30 West St.

Sign up here:

bit.ly/MGHLeominster5



CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT IN LEOMINSTER

Central Mass. Mosquito Control Project will be in Leominster to respond to concerns about mosquitoes on September 5, 12, 19 & 26.

To request service, call the CMMCP office at 508-393-3055 between 7am-3:30pm, Monday through Friday or visit cmmcp.org.

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS MOVED BACK TO CITY HALL

25 West Street • Room 11 (Lower Level) • 978-962-3558

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - 8:30 am to 4 pm, Thursday - 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIREFIGHTER JOSE MIRANDA JOINS GROUP 2



After 50-days of training, 33 firefighters graduated from the Career Recruit Firefighting Training Program on July 26. Among the graduates of Class #322 is Firefighter Jose Miranda, who has successfully completed his training and has reported for duty with Group 2. We wish him and all his fellow graduates the best as they begin their careers.

FIREFIGHTERS HONORED WITH STORK PINS

Chief Sideleau recently awarded several firefighters for their extraordinary efforts in the field.

Blue Stork Pins were presented to Fire Medic Heather Leighton, FF Jose Correa, and FF Kim McGowan for their role in the successful delivery of a baby boy on June 29. Their swift action and teamwork were instrumental in bringing new life into the world.

Pink Stork Pins were awarded to Fire Medic Rick Barry, Fire Medic Ted Flanagan, LT Bryan LeBlanc, FF Bob Penning, FF Dave Fagone, FF Adam Fini, and FF Matt Spano for the delivery of a baby girl on July 6. Their professionalism and skill ensured a safe and healthy arrival for the newborn.

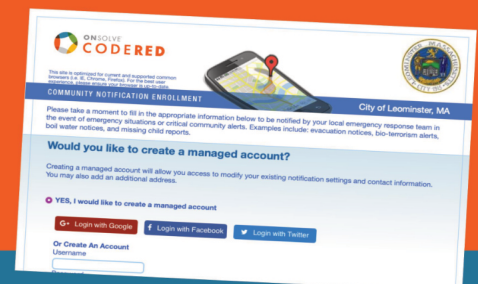


In addition to these honors, FF Adam Fini received a special award for his unique contribution in assisting with the delivery of "Baby's First Roommate."

Congratulations to the recipients and new parents!

Sign up for CodeRED Alerts

CodeRED is the free community notification system available to Leominster residents that will send you alerts concerning time-sensitive and/or emergency information that may impact your area via phone calls, text messages, emails, and social media.



Sign up here:

public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFEC4451E64E

LEOMINSTER DISABILITY COMMISSION HOSTS WHEELCHAIR WALK



On August 15th, the Leominster Disability Commission held a Wheelchair Walk aimed at raising awareness and improving accessibility within the community. The event, included a simulation where participants used wheelchairs to navigate the Downtown Common area. The walk was guided by an expert who later provided recommendations based on the participants' experiences.

Each participant was fitted with a wheelchair and the walk lasted a couple of hours, offering participants a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by those who rely on wheelchairs for mobility.

Participants included:

- Members of the Disability Commission:
Dean Carlson, Thomas Thelin, Gail Turbide, Bonnie Budd, Laura Maust, Noelle Balutis
- Mayor Dean Mazarella
- Kelly Woodland, Mayoral Aide
- Mark Piermarini, DPW
- Joe Poirier, City Electrician
- Peter Niall, Building Inspector
- Jennifer Reddington, Comptroller
- Elizabeth Wood, Planning Director
- Amanda Curtis, Economic Development
- Jennessa McQuade, Street Outreach, PD
- Officer Carlos Cintron, Police Department
- Sergeant Greg Robichaud, Traffic, PD



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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NORTH CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS RESTORE



637 Lancaster Street (Rt 117)
Leominster, MA 01453
978-227-5556
restorencm.org

Wednesday-Saturday • 10am-5pm
Closed Mon., Tues. and Sun

At ReStore, you'll discover a wide selection of donated new and gently used furniture, home improvement items, and building materials—all offered at a fraction of their original retail value. Every purchase not only helps you save money but also supports a greater cause: families in North Central Massachusetts. By shopping at ReStore, you're contributing to a greener planet

by keeping good, reusable materials in circulation and out of landfills. Visit today to find quality items for your home while making a positive impact in our community!

ReStore also accepts gently used items, which can be dropped off or scheduled for pickup.

SWEET SUCCESS AT THE SUPER INCREDIBLY HUGE LEMONADE WORLD SERIES

The Super Incredibly Huge Lemonade (and Other Drinks) World Series on August 20 was a resounding success! Over 20 kids showcased their creativity and entrepreneurial spirit by setting up stands with unique drink recipes. Some kids also sold cookies and bracelets. Each young participant earned a "best" certificate, in recognition of their hard work. The event was made even more special by the strong support from local business owners, who came out to support and encourage the young entrepreneurs.



GOVERNOR HEALEY ANNOUNCES STATEWIDE MVP GRANT AWARDS



Courtesy Governor Healey

Governor Healey visited Leominster on August 1 to announce the statewide grant awards for the Massachusetts Vulnerability Preparedness

(MVP) Program at Leominster City Hall, with awardees from across the Commonwealth joining the celebration.

More than \$52 million—the largest sum ever granted through the MVP program—was awarded to help communities identify their most significant climate challenges and develop strategies to mitigate the associated risks.

The Massachusetts Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program is a state initiative that provides financial and technical support to cities and towns to help them prepare for and adapt to climate change. The program offers planning grants for assessing climate vulnerabilities and action grants for implementing projects that address risks like flooding, extreme weather, and rising sea levels.

TWIN CITIES RAIL TRAIL ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CELEBRATION & BIKE RIDE

On August 3, the Healey-Driscoll Administration and local leaders joined the Twin Cities Rail Trail Association and MassDOT to celebrate the completion of the bicycle and pedestrian bridge over Route 2 in Leominster. Now part of the Twin Cities Rail Trail, the bridge is named in honor of the late Congressman John W. Olver, who was pivotal in securing federal funding for the project.

The bridge is also dedicated to Romolo Testarmata, one of the TCRT's trailblazers. The bridge completes phase one of the Twin Cities Rail Trail project, which connects Leominster and Fitchburg. Phase Two is set to begin bidding this fall and will extend the trail further.



The event, made possible by a gift from Leominster Credit Union, included a free yoga class, face painting and refreshments by Roots Natural Foods. A community bike ride followed.



STATE PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

SEPTEMBER 3 • POLLS OPEN 7AM-8PM

Find your election information here:
sec.state.ma.us/WhereDoIVoteMA/WhereDoIVote

CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF JOHNNY APPLESEED

On the September day in 1774 when John Chapman entered the world, few in Leominster, or anywhere else for that matter, would have recognized the significance of his birth. Nary a soul would have any notion of the impact Leominster's newest resident would have on the future world.



Check out the events happening throughout September to celebrate Johnny Appleseed's 250th anniversary.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Release of Johnny Appleseed 250th Birthday Anniversary Coin

Mayor's Office • 9am-4pm
Johnny Appleseed Visitors Center • 9:30am-5pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

31st Annual Johnny Appleseed Arts & Culture Festival
9am-5pm • Downtown Leominster

Johnny Appleseed Scavenger Hunt

Clue sheets available at Leominster Public Library during the JA Festival. Test your knowledge, have a fun experience, and you could win a prize - runs through October 4.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Johnny Appleseed 250th Anniversary Parade
2 pm • Doyle Field to Downtown Leominster

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Leominster Historical Society Opening of "1774 in Context Johnny Appleseed's Birth Year"
Exhibit and Lecture 7:00 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Johnny Appleseed Birth-site Dedication
Time TBA • Johnny Appleseed Lane

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Johnny Appleseed on Film: A Family Viewing Night
6:30pm • Free
Leominster Public Library

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Visit with Johnny Appleseed with birthday cake
10am • Johnny Appleseed Visitor Center

Johnny Appleseed Stamp Cancellation
11am-2pm • Leominster Public Library

Johnny Appleseed Birthday Celebration with cake
Time TBA • Sholan Farms

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Johnny Appleseed: The Man Behind the Folklore
1-4pm • Main Street Gift & Cafe

JOHNNY APPLESEED VISITS CITY HALL

Last month, Jerry Tyson from Lisbon, Ohio, visited the Johnny Appleseed Visitor's Center for some quick photos.

Amanda Curtis, the city's Economic Development Coordinator, happened to cross paths with Tyson and his cousin Richard during the visit. After a brief conversation, she extended an invitation for them to discover more of what Leominster has to offer. Their first stop was the

birthplace of Johnny Appleseed, a site steeped in history. The group then continued on to City Hall and the Historical Society, where they enjoyed learning more about the rich heritage of the area.

This spontaneous tour added a memorable chapter to Tyson's visit, celebrating the enduring legacy of Johnny Appleseed.

