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## BIA REPORT

This weekend I am hoping we can all take the opportunity to think about what we have and to express gratitude or be appreciative of all that is around us. Here in Acton we have a lot to be thankful for and at a recent strategic planning meeting with the downtown board, we dedicated some time to that very topic. Things that came up – Prospect Park, the safety, community feel, the small town values, caring community, the train whistle, the library, Town Hall and even the traffic because it shows us that our town is vibrant, people need it and its in close proximity to so much our area has to offer – both as a place to live and visit.

In addition to taking the time to stop and be thankful, I feel like this time of year is a bit of a turning point, away from summer and towards a new season. Today, Thursday, October 8 the Acton Farmers Market goes into hibernation for the winter after 18 weeks of availability of locally produced food and crafts. Each week we have close to 20 vendors and a few hundred dedicated market shoppers. We however could really use some suggestions as to how to increase attendance and get more of you out to the market. Please contact me if you have ideas, suggestions or thoughts in this regard. This is your market so let me know what you want to see and experience so that you can shop here in your home-town.

In the month of October, we have 2 great downtown events to focus on:

For the adults: Friday, October 23, at 8 p.m.: *The Foggy Hogtown Boys* at the Town Hall – *The Foggy Hogtown Boys* are a bluegrass band with a big sense of fun.

For the Kids: Saturday, October 24 from Noon to 3 p.m. 'Trick or Treat on Mill and Main': Kids ages 12 and under, come dressed for Halloween and "haunt" the stores downtown. Participating stores hand out candy to the kids. There will be prizes and lots of Halloween themed fun.



From Downtown Acton and the BIA, I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you enjoy all that is Acton.

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