

# THE WORD ON COMMON STREET

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**DEVELOPMENTS SHAPING OUR TOWN**

## Welcome our new Fire Chief!

We are pleased to introduce Southborough's new Fire Chief, Mr. Andrew Puntini. He is currently a member of the Foxborough Fire Department, and has been a Captain for almost five years of the 19 years that he has served that department. Captain Puntini has been a member of their fire and rescue team for over 18 years. Captain Puntini is also a licensed paramedic and has served as an on-call firefighter for the Town of Ashland since 2003, where he currently resides. His first day on the job as Southborough Chief will be Monday, May 20. We look forward to a long and prosperous relationship as a leader in our community.



Chief Puntini

## Scholarship Application

The 2024 application for the Town of Southborough, The Carol Harris Memorial and Linda Hubley Memorial Scholarships are now available! Click here for the application: <https://shorturl.at/eBMP4>

The deadline for applying is Thursday, May 9th at 4PM. You can drop off or mail in your application to the address below:

Southborough Scholarship Committee  
c/o Katie Barry  
17 Common Street  
Southborough, MA 01772

We will also accept applications left in the gray mailbox outside of the Town House. The Committee will be reviewing applications in early May and awards will be presented at the June 4th Select Board meeting. It's a great opportunity for high school seniors or those in a post-secondary undergraduate program.

## Donations Needed

In every community, there are bright minds brimming with potential, eager to pursue their dreams through education. For high school seniors, the journey towards higher learning is often paved with financial obstacles. In Southborough, scholarships play a pivotal role in empower these ambitious young individuals to offer them the chance to unlock their full potential.

This year, we are asking for donations from you, Southborough residents, as our funds are lower than ever. The fund is completely supported by donations. In order to sustain and award these educational gifts, we need generous donors.

Last year, the Scholarship Committee awarded seven scholarships to Algonquin students heading off to college.

If you are able, please donate to these scholarships here: <https://shorturl.at/PTUI5>

## DPW & Arbor Day

In observance of Arbor Day 2024, the DPW planted a tree at Fay Memorial Park today. This tree was generously donated by SHRUBS AND TREES, right here in Southborough on RT9. Also on Sat 4/27, during Earth Day, the DPW handed out free Arbor Day inspired activity books for kids.

These were donated by the MA TREE WARDEN ASSOCIATION. These books will be available in the office where road clean-up/sign-up takes place. This is also the location to grab the yellow bags used during clean-up. Thank you to the DPW for your continued hard work and participation and all of those who assisted in the Earth Day Clean Up!



Arbor Day Tree

## Team Sobo!

Are you a motivated person who knows your craft and loves to work with great people? Then we need YOU! We are hiring the positions below:

- Recreation Director
- Firefighter/Paramedic
- Full-Time Police Officer
- Camp Supervisor

Please send cover letter and resume to [personnel@southboroughma.com](mailto:personnel@southboroughma.com) and check out all our job info here: <https://shorturl.at/aPX78>



## Public Service Recognition

Public Service Recognition Week is May 5 - 11 and do we have some talented and dedicated people to celebrate! We thank all Police, Fire, and Dispatch professionals for continually serving Southborough with unwavering skill, professionalism and kindness. Your service taking emergency phone calls, keeping our community safe and protecting the public is appreciated, commended and unmatched. Thank you for all your service everyday and helping to making Southborough the safe Town it is today!



Thank you, Dispatchers!



Members of SFD



Member of SPD



Mark Purple 2023

## Sidewalks at Stockwell &

### Fitzgerald

Newport Construction began work on the sidewalks within Stockwell and Fitzgerald Lanes on April 16, 2024. We expect the work to take several weeks as it will include (1) removal of existing paving (2) surgical pruning of tree roots by subcontractor Bartlett Tree, and (3) excavation of existing base gravel and (4) placing new paving. We are working to minimize your disruption, but please be aware there may be several weeks where sidewalks are inaccessible and may have exposed gravel. This may occur at driveway crossing locations as well. Any questions or complaints should be directed to my attention at the contact information below. We are looking forward to a successful project!

## New Building Commissioner

### Wanted!

The Town of Southborough is hiring a Building Commissioner and are looking for all those interested to apply as soon as possible! The Building Commissioner directly oversees all functions of the Building Department and acts as the Chief Building Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer. The Building Commissioner also oversees the Building Department staff, which includes a staff to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Southborough offers excellent benefits including generous paid time off, 75% health insurance paid by the Town, an incredible environment and so much more!

Click [here](#) for more information and to apply.

<https://shorturl.at/bknw8>

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