

THE WORD ON COMMON STREET

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DEVELOPMENTS SHAPING OUR TOWN

Fire Chief Pinning Ceremony

The Town welcomed new Fire Chief Andrew Puntini on June 1, 2024 at the Senior Center. The service was officiated by Select Board Chair Kathy Cook who outlined his impressive career thus far and his goals for the Town. Tye and Chase Walter of Boy Scouts Troop 1 posted the colors with Sydney Pitcavage singing the National Anthem. The ceremony was attended by many officials and residents. Welcome, aboard, Chief! We look forward to your service in the Town.



2024 Fire Chief and Fire Staff pic

Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to the 2024 Town Scholarship winners! The below students' hard work and dedication to community are outstanding and we wish them luck on their next adventure in higher learning:

Olivia LaBelle, Williams College

Maggie Gorman, University of South Carolina

Cassandra Melo, UMass Amherst

Elliott Yee, New York University

Madeline Ho, Boston University

Shelby Aker, Worcester State University

Sadhya Kanal, Salve Regina University

Kevin Tavares, Gordon College



2024 Scholarship Winners

Blood Drive - July 11th

Join Karen Anglim and the Southborough Library for a Blood Drive Thursday, July 11th. Appointments are available all day and are conveniently located in a mobile health bus at the Library parking lot.

Why give blood?

- Every donation can help save up to three lives
- The process is quick and safe
- You'll be making a positive impact in your community

Scan the Code to Register and receive a free Patriot's T-Shirt!



Kraft Family Blood Donor Center
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Brigham and Women's Hospital
Founding Member, Mass General Brigham

BLOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by Karen Anglim
Southborough Library
25 Main Street
Southborough, MA 01772

Thursday, July 11, 2024
12:00PM – 6:30PM

Appointments: <https://tinyurl.com/KarenAnglimJuly2024>
Eligibility Questions: <https://tinyurl.com/EligibilityBlood>
Or call 617-632-4206

As a special thank you, all successful donors will receive a Kraft Family Blood Donor Center Patriots Volunteerism T Shirt!

PHOTO IS REQUIRED FOR ALL DONORS
Be well hydrated • Drink extra water • Eat before donating

Blood Drive Flyer

Upcoming Holiday Hours

The Transfer Station and all non-emergency Town Offices will be closed on Wednesday, June 19th in observation of Juneteenth. They will reopen Thursday, June 20th for regular hours.



Heart and Juneteenth

Welcome Chris Lund!

We would like to welcome Chris Lund to #teamsobo as our new Building Commissioner! He comes with over 20 years experience in the Building and Zoning industry - most recently as the Assistant Building Inspector in Northborough. We look forward to working with him and the residents of Southborough. Welcome, Chris!



Gene Novak &
Chris Lund

Heritage Park is Complete

Exciting news! The long-awaited Heritage Park next to our beloved Library is finally open! The gorgeous green space is the perfect place to meet up for a chat or read your latest book on one of the three available benches. Thanks to the Select Board, DPW and our partners at St. Mark's School for collaborating on this pastoral public park for residents to enjoy!



Heritage Park

Select Board Office Hours

Participation in Select Board Office Hours is a fantastic opportunity to have your voice heard & make a meaningful impact in your community! Join Al Hamilton & Marguerite Landry on



Office Hours Flyer

Tuesday, June 25th from 6:00-7:00PM at the Hearing Room, 17 Common Street.

Thank you, Heather Alker!

We thank Dr. Heather Alker for her many years of service to the Town of Southborough as our Health Director. She came to us during the beginning of COVID in 2019 and had dedicated her time to keeping Southborough residents safe and healthy while following and keeping updated with State regulations. She helped foster many vaccination clinics for both adults and children. We wish her luck in her next venture!



Dr. Heather Alker



Mark Purple 2023

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Every year members of our veteran community conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag day to respectfully destroy old and tattered flags. This service is a reverent dedication to the flags' service of tribute.



Flag Retirement 2023

This will take place on Flag Day, June 14th at the DPW Parking lot (147 Cordaville Road) from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. The public is welcome to the ceremony which will include the Color Guard from the Scouts and a small ceremony from Mr. Steve Whynot as all flags will be destroyed in a dignified and honorable manner.

School Committee Vacancy

The PreK-8 School Committee is seeking residents interested in filling a vacancy effective from September 11th until the annual election held on May 13, 2025. All those interested should send a letter of interest & brief bio to the school by 4:00 PM on Friday, August 23, 2024. Click here for more information: <https://shorturl.at/C2GdB>

The Select Board will be holding a joint meeting with the School Committee to appoint a member to fill the vacancy on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. The intent is for the Southborough School Committee and Select Board to interview candidates in open session and at the conclusion of the interviews, both parties will vote to fill the vacant position.

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