

# THE WORD ON COMMON STREET

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**DEVELOPMENTS SHAPING OUR TOWN**

## Save the Date - STM

Special Town Meeting will be held **September 30, 2024 at 7:00 PM at Trottier School, 49 Parkerville Rd.** All Citizen's Petitions will be due to the Select Board Office, 17 Common Street, by Friday, August 30th at 12:00 PM. More details to come!

## Welcome, Travis!

We are very excited to introduce our new Recreation Director, Travis Farley! He came to us from the Town of Natick where he was the Deputy Director of Community Services for Recreation and Parks and before that he was the Superintendent of Recreation for the Town of Norwood. His enthusiasm for recreation, community events and marketing are unmatched and make him the perfect fit for Southborough. Please give Travis a warm welcome as you see him about Town!



Travis Farley

## Free Summer Concert Series

Southborough Recreation is excited to announce their annual Summer Concert Series schedule! Every Wednesday, starting July 10th, the Rec Dept is hosting a band concert with food trucks at Neary School stage from 6 - 8PM.

Please come, bring some chairs and blankets and make a fun night with friends and family! Thank you to the Cultural Arts Council, Friends of Recreation and the Southborough Community Fund for supporting these great concerts!



Band Concert Flyer

## CSX @ Central Street

Thanks to Representative Donaghue, CSX responded with a tentative timeline on the Central Street Railroad



Train Tracks

Crossing issue. CSX plans to reconstruct the entire RR crossing on Central Street this August. The work will take two to three days. During this period, traffic will need to be detoured around Central Street.

In the meantime, CSX has requested that a crew be dispatched to improve the crossing temporarily. The DPW will be working with CSX in the coming weeks to ensure the project is successful.

## Personnel Board Vacancy

The Personnel Board has a vital charge in the community and administers the personnel bylaw. This by-law establishes non-union position classifications in Town services, salary schedules, and employee benefits & to represent the interest of the Town employees. There is one opening and interested residents should send a letter of interest to the Town Moderator Paul Cimino at [pcimino@southboroughma.com](mailto:pcimino@southboroughma.com). Residents with an HR, Benefits/Admin, comp analysis or similar background are strongly encouraged to apply.

## #TeamSobo Openings

The Town is hiring! We are looking for a Civil Engineer in the DPW. Check out the job description here: <https://shorturl.at/C664y> We are also hiring in the Police Department and you can see all open positions here: <https://shorturl.at/8Rpu7>

## Cultural Arts Council Survey

The Southborough Cultural Arts Council recently developed a community input survey in anticipation of the 2024-25 grant funding cycle in order to ensure our current funding metrics are up to date and aligned with and meeting community interests. Your input is invaluable, and we ask that you take 10 minutes to complete the following survey at your leisure: [2024 CAC Community Input Survey](#).

The survey is open to all town residents and will be left live until July 31st, 2024. Also of note, if you have friends or colleagues interested in joining the Southborough Cultural Arts Council, we are currently recruiting new members. To learn more about the council and/or express interest, [click here](#).



SCAC Logo

## Congratulations, Barbara

### Jandrue!

Congratulations to the Class of 2024 Commonwealth Heroine, Barbara Jandrue! As described on mass.gov.com, Commonwealth Heroines, "are women who don't make the news, but make the difference." Barbara served as the director of the Southborough Food Pantry for 25 years. During that time, she helped expand the pantry to currently serving a total of 64 families and totaling 136 members. In addition to this incredible service, she also started her career in the Southborough Recreation Dept and started the first all-girls basketball league. Thank you, Barbara for being an outstanding citizen and helping so many residents along the way! The award is extremely well-deserved.



Barbara Jandrue



Mark Purple 2023

## A Happy 4th @ the Town House!

We are lucky at the Town House to have the Library's 4th of July Parade march their way through the building with their patriotic gear and music playing! It was a great showing of kiddos and their parents. Thank you to all who participated and brought big smiles to the employees at 17 Common Street. We appreciate you!



4th at the Town House



Pics of Parade Participants

## Energy Codes & Standards

The Building Department has asked that we share some changes to the Energy Rating Index (ERI). The Massachusetts Stretch Energy Building Code will be updated on July 1, 2024, making energy code requirements more stringent for new buildings and additions. The code is intended to help the State meet its greenhouse gas (GHG) emission limits, which are set every five years from 2025 to 2050. The code includes additional requirements for different types of construction. Scan the QR Code below for more info:



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