

THE WORD ON COMMON STREET

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DEVELOPMENTS SHAPING OUR TOWN

Hometown Hero!

You may have heard about Dr. Jennifer LaFemina on Good Morning America, ABC News or even TikTok. She is an oncology surgeon at UMASS, a Southborough resident, and a hero. At her oldest son's baseball game she kept a close eye on an umpire who was hit by a pitch in his throat. She noticed he wasn't well and asked him to leave the field. When he collapsed, she performed CPR until emergency response teams arrived. Thanks to her quick and diligent efforts, the umpire is fine today. We applaud Dr. LaFemina for her care, skills and significant humanitarian act!



Dr. LaFemina - LinkedIn

WooSox-Battle of the Boroughs

The WooSox will have scheduled a "Battle of the Boroughs" at their Wednesday, August 14th game. Residents from Marlborough, Westborough, **Southborough** and Northborough will battle to see who has the most fans in attendance. The Team will donate proceeds from ticket sales to the Boys & Girls Club of MetroWest. So wear you loudest & proudest Southborough gear & have a great night with friends! Tickets can be purchased here: <https://shorturl.at/4IZ5D>



Woo Sox Logo - MLB

SYFS Open for Consults

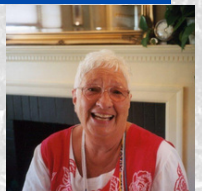
Before school starts back up, this is a great time to do a mental health check up for family members. If you're a Southborough resident and there are things that are worrying you with the upcoming school year, why not make a consultation appointment with Youth and Family Services? They can help you navigate what's typical and what may need additional support...and help you find it. SYFS services are confidential and always free! Call to 508-481-5676 to make an appointment.



SYFS Consult Flyer

Honoring Donna McDaniel

On behalf of the entire Town organization, we are so saddened to hear of the death of Donna McDaniel. Donna's contributions to this community are endless, but she is most notably known for serving as our very first female member of the Select Board, way back in 1978. Her fascination with government led her to work with both the US Department of Defense and the State of Massachusetts. Her volunteerism efforts in Southborough are far too numerous to mention! Additionally, her helping hand was so important in the many years which she served as the Editor of the Annual Town Report. As a journalist, published author, musician and friend, the joy and cheerful smile which she always graced us with will long be remembered. Godspeed Donna.



Donna McDaniel

Volunteers Needed

The Southborough Recreation Commission is recruiting for two 3 year vacancies on the Recreation Commission. Find info here <https://shorturl.at/OejQf> or you can fill out the form if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity here: <https://shorturl.at/HDSKo>.

The Tricentennial Committee is also looking for a resident volunteer. They are moving forward with logos, event ideas and fundraising and they need your help! Notice the picture to the right of our 275th Celebration. Come join a fun committee full with talented and motivated members of your community for our 300th!

Sign up here: <https://shorturl.at/I7MVM>



Residents @ 275th Celebration

TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.
TROTTER MIDDLE SCHOOL - 49
PARKERVILLE ROAD
CITIZEN PETITIONS DUE TO SELECT BOARD OFFICE BY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD @ 5:00P.M.

2024 Special Town Meeting Banner

Transfer Station Rules & Regs

The Select Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 6th at 6:30 P.M. to update the Transfer Station rules and regulations (including sticker pricing). This will be held at the Town House, 17 Common Street. You will see that most of the proposed changes include stronger language around closing hours, commercial waste, and permanent placement of stickers. DPW Superintendent Bill Cundiff has outlined his proposed changes in red here: <https://shorturl.at/xlJ6K>

Summer at the Library

Are you looking for something fun to do for your children? Summer can be a challenge for



parents with children at home with "nothing to do." Luckily, the Southborough Library has a robust calendar of events to keep kids of any age engaged. Their August lineup includes drop-in Lego days, a puppet show, outdoor story hours, board game sessions and more! These programs are free and welcome to all.

Looking for something for yourself? Check out the evening cooking classes, a poetry workshop or join the book club. The Library offers an abundance of events and resources. Take a look at their full schedule here: <https://shorturl.at/xLLZK>.



Mark Purple 2023

Summer Nights 2024

**AUGUST
24TH
2024**



**SOUTHBOROUGH
RECREATION**

2024 Summer Nights Banner

The Recreation Department's Annual Summer Nights Festival is Saturday, August 24th at the outdoor Stage located at Neary Middle School (53 Parkerville Road).

Years past have had bounce houses, rock walls, bands, food trucks galore and ends with fireworks at dark. It's always a fun-filled night to round out the summer. Parking begins at 5PM. We hope to see a big community turnout at this wonderful event!



Summer Nights c/o
Jon Ratner Photo
2023

Water Rates Determined

The Select Board voted on new water rates that went into effect on June 1st. The new rates will be in effect for the water usage period of June 1st to September 1st, which has a bill due date of November 1st. As a Town we purchase our water from the MWRA (Massachusetts Water Resources Authority). The water is fully treated by the MWRA before it reaches one of Southborough's two pumping stations where it is distributed into, and throughout, our water distribution system.

The new rates can be seen here and will appear on your November 1st bill:
<https://shorturl.at/9fSfi>

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