

THE WORD ON COMMON STREET

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DEVELOPMENTS SHAPING OUR TOWN

Meals on Wheels - Drivers

Volunteer Meals on Wheels drivers deliver nutritious meals to homebound seniors across the county. With hundreds of meals to deliver and the need for home-delivered meals always in demand, our need for volunteers is great! Delivering meals takes about 1 to 2 hours beginning at 10:30 am Monday through Friday. Choose one day or more! Schedules and routes are flexible and convenient. We are in need of drivers for routes in Southborough. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Springwell Elder Services at 508-573-4650.



Meals on Wheels Logo

Fire Dept Training Conducted

On September 6th the Southborough Fire Dept conducted a controlled burn for training purposes at 26 Deerfoot Road. It was nothing short of awe-inspiring as our dedicated firefighters engaged in a high-intensity, real-world simulation to sharpen their skills.



Pic of Live Burn

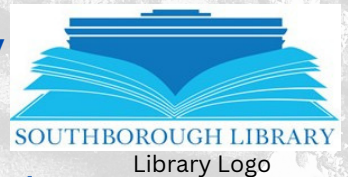
The house provided the perfect environment for firefighters to practice crucial techniques in fire suppression, search & rescue and incident command.

Throughout the day the crew worked with precision and teamwork to bring the fire under control, gaining invaluable experience in a controlled yet realistic environment. As Town Administrator, I was lucky enough to be a part of this training with the help of Chief Puntini and the entire SFD. I suited up and was able to watch our firefighters in action. It was a heartening display of science, skill and safety. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen!

Join #TeamSobo

The Southborough Library has two exciting part-time opportunities! Both positions are perfect for those looking to get back into the workforce, who are just joining or who love books and being part of the library community!

The first opening is Library Page which is around five hours a week (evening and weekends) to help assist with the public, shelving library materials, work the circulation desk and more. For info and to apply, click here: <https://shorturl.at/Gn3IS>



The second opportunity is Library Technician. This part-time position performs basic library services including assisting

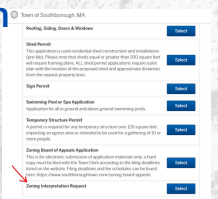
the public at the circulation desk, emptying outdoor book drops, and other duties as needed for around six hours a week (no evenings or weekends). Check out the posting and apply here: <https://shorturl.at/ZDsPE>

Online Zoning Request

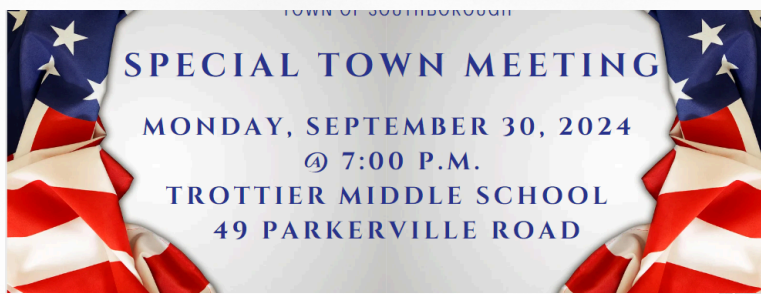
Building Commissioner Chris Lund has been working to streamline zoning requests and questions through our ViewPoint portal. Historically, the process has been a bit arduous.

Now, requests are streamlined through the Town's permit portal where the Building Commissioner and Town Planner can easily communicate with each other and the applicant. You will see this option on the bottom of the permit list as shown to the right.

You can use this for any zoning inquiries whether you are a homeowner, a builder, or a GM. You are also welcome to call and email, the online process is streamlined for your convenience.



Zoning Inquiry



2024 Special Town Meeting Banner

Cultural Arts Council - Grants

We are thrilled to begin promotion of this year's Southborough Cultural Arts Council grant cycle. The Town of Southborough has been awarded \$6400 from the State of Massachusetts via the Mass Cultural Council to be directed toward projects serving residents of the Town of Southborough through arts and cultural programming in the year ahead. We encourage all interested to please view our [Local Cultural Council site](#) to learn more and apply.

Here are a few fast facts about this year's grant cycle:

- Applications open on September 1st and close on October 17th
- Awards will be made between \$250-\$1000 for eligible projects
- Based on input from this year's community survey, we encourage particular projects focused on serving:
 - Families with children
 - Senior citizens
- Applicants do not need to be a registered 501(c)3, organization, or institution to apply. Individual artists and groups are encouraged to put forward their applications

Additional promotions and details will be shared in the weeks ahead.



Mark Purple 2024

Transfer Station Sticker

Waiver

Did you know that eligible residents have access to a free Transfer Station sticker? The Select Board and DPW created this initiative to support residents in need by offering a waiver for Transfer Station sticker fees with one easy application. This program is designed to ensure that all members of our community have access to essential Transfer Station utilities regardless of their financial situation. Click here for more info & to fill out the waiver form: <https://shorturl.at/8pqYc>



Pic of Trash Bag

Heritage Day

Join the celebration as Southborough celebrates Heritage Day on Monday, October 14, 2024 at St. Mark's Field (Rt. 30 and Rt. 85 intersection). Booths are available for crafters, artisans, non-profit organizations, food trucks and local businesses. The deadline to apply is September 30, 2024 and you can do so here: <https://shorturl.at/cYnpK>



Heritage Day
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Personnel Board Vacancy

The Town Moderator is currently seeking a volunteer to join the town's Personnel Board. If you have a skillset in HR, people management/employee relations, benefits admin, compensation analysis or something similar, we'd love to see you apply! Please send a resume and email to moderator@southboroughma.com.

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