

THE WORD ON COMMON STREET

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DEVELOPMENTS SHAPING OUR TOWN

Community Power Choice

Southborough Community Power Choice is a Town electricity supply program that gives residents and businesses more choice and control over how we power our community. The program is a group electricity buying program that changes the electricity supply price on your National Grid electric bill. More than 200 other cities and towns in Massachusetts have similar programs.

Southborough Community Power Choice has three options. Choose the one that's right for you.

New electricity accounts will be automatically enrolled in Power Choice Standard (13.06 cents/kWh).

Power Choice Greener (13.886 cents/kWh) and Power Choice Greenest (15.886 cents/kWh) are available by request. Call 1-833-272-9591 for more info! If you are already enrolled, you do not need to take any action. You will continue to be part of Power Choice.

Winter Wishes

Once again, Southborough Youth and Family Services (SYFS) will be holding its Winter Wishes Program for the 2024 Holiday Season!

They will match local donations with Southborough families experiencing financial hardships to provide gifts and other essentials. It's a wonderful way to cheer up those in need over the holiday season and make sure their families are well taken care of during these trying times. Please see this video for more information:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-IGNQojuTn-CnLTRKyOny4R4Z2_7YlxO/view

There are two ways to donate this year which are outlined below:

Option 1: Make a tax-deductible donation to Friends of SYC and mail the check to 17 Common Street, Southborough, MA 01772

Option 2: Donate via Venmo @FriendsSYC

Thank you for your generosity!



Winter Wishes Flyer

Remembering Gail Jenks

Gail Jenks was a trailblazer whose dedication to education and innovation left an indelible mark on the communities she served. As a beloved educator in our school system, Gail's commitment to her students went far beyond the classroom. Her passion for learning and her forward-thinking vision culminated in her becoming the Director of Technology for the Public Schools of Northborough and Southborough and the Town's first website coordinator. Gail's legacy is one of innovation, compassion and dedication to a civic life whilst supporting her community. Her impact will be felt for generations, and she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.



Gail Jenks

Tricentennial Bricks!

July 8, 2027 marks the 300th anniversary of Southborough's incorporation as a town! The Southborough Tricentennial Committee is planning a year of celebration to honor our town's past, present, and future.

As part of the fundraising for the celebration of Southborough's Tricentennial, Friends of Southborough 300 Inc. is offering engraved bricks, which will be installed in Southborough's new Heritage Park, beginning at the walkway between St Mark's Street and the Park's main plaza. Each brick is \$300. A brick can serve as a way to honor someone, as memoriam, or contain your family's name or the name of your business or organization. All bricks will become a part of Southborough's Heritage Park as a lasting tribute. Space is limited, so place your order ASAP:

<https://shorturl.at/zmOllh>

**Scan the QR Code to
Order
Your Bricks**



Town Offices Closing Early

On Monday, November 18th all Town Buildings (except for emergency services) will close early for scheduled server maintenance. Buildings and offices will be open from 8:00AM - 3:00PM. Please come in to conduct business before 3:00PM as the systems will be shutdown at that time. All offices will be open their regular hours on Tuesday, November 19th. Thank you for your patience and understanding!

Bumps Be-Gone @ Town House

Great news! As of November 7th, the long-awaited paving fix to the Town House entry and exit driveways is complete! The paving company has smoothed out those frustrating bumps, creating a safe ride in and out of the complex.



Fixed Driveway

Narcan Training at the Library

In collaboration with the Board of Health and Greater Boroughs Partnership for Health: Narcan is the brand name of the generic naloxone and is a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids when given in time. This free Narcan training, Tuesday, November 19th from 6:00—6:30 PM, will provide participants with a brief lesson on how to recognize an opioid overdose, when and how to use Narcan, and a free kit to take home. Please register at bit.ly/sblibnarcan3

MBTA Fare Program

On September 4, 2024, the **MBTA launched** its Income-eligible Fare Program, which provides residents aged 18-64 who are low-income, the opportunity to ride the T, the RIDE, buses, and commuter rail for approximately 50% off the normal fare price. Coinciding with the launch of the program, the MBTA also put out an outreach toolkit to support community leaders and officials with informing their residents about this program. **Learn More About the Income-Eligible Fare Program and How to Apply OR Access the Program Outreach Toolkit**



MBTA logo



Mark Purple 2024

Veterans Day Ceremony

We were honored to attend a beautiful Veterans Day Ceremony this past Monday, thoughtfully hosted by Retired First Class USN - U. S. Navy and VFW Post 3276 Commander Steve Whynot and other honorable Southborough veterans. Talented Algonquin students sang and played taps during the ceremony. Their dedication and respect for our heroes and to our country is truly moving. Thank you to all who made it memorable!



Veterans Day Ceremony

Thanksgiving Hours

All Town buildings (except for emergency services) will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving holiday. This includes the Transfer Station. The Transfer Station will resume normal hours on Saturday, November 30th. All Town buildings were reopen Monday, December 2nd at normal business hours. Enjoy the holiday!



Happy Thanksgiving

Gobble Wobble

The Friends of Southborough Recreation Department is proud to bring you the Annual Gobble Wobble 5K Road Race, 2 Mile Family Walk on Thanksgiving morning. This is an event to help promote and support community health, togetherness, and spirit through providing recreational activities, facilities, and events. Proceeds have also supported the Special Olympics, Scholarships, Summer Concert Series, Finn School Playground, Choate Field Lighting and more! We hope to see you out there with your Southborough Community before the turkey is carved!



Gobble Wobble Flyer

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