

# THE WORD ON COMMON STREET

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**DEVELOPMENTS SHAPING OUR TOWN**

## **Welcome two new Police Officers!**

Our newest officers, Aaron Sparks and Cole Trainor, were sworn in Monday, December 9th at the Southborough Police Department. Town Clerk Jim Hegarty administered the Oath of Office, as Select Board Members, Town Administrators, Police & Fire Department members, and family members looked on. Our new officers will now begin an extensive 12-week Field Training program with our patrol division.

Congratulations to Aaron and Cole, and we wish them the best of luck in their new profession!



Swearing in Ceremony



Police Staff @ Swearing In

## **Congrats, Firefighters!**

Firefighters Chris Bruning and Christina Stapleton have both graduated from the Mass Fire Academy and were “pinned” by their family during the ceremony. FF Bruning comes from the Princeton, MA call department and FF Stapleton was a call firefighter in Southborough and a full time Dispatcher here in Southborough.



Bruning & Stapleton

## **Welcome, Emily!**

We are happy to announce that Emily Brideau will be joining our team as the new Youth and Family Services Program Coordinator! Her background in public health, legislative work, and experience with community outreach aligns perfectly with this position. Her positive attitude and eagerness to assist the public in matching needs with services, make her a great addition. Welcome, Emily!

## **Congrats to Captain Doane!**

This past Saturday, the Southborough Fire Department was proud to acknowledge newly promoted Captain Brittaney Doane, who became the first female



Captain Brittaney Doane

Captain in the Department's history! Captain Doane has had an incredible career in Southborough as she has been with the department for 10 years and serves as the Department's SAFE Coordinator and Equipment manager and previously served the Department as a Lieutenant.

Congratulations to Captain Doane!

## **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 House - 2 hr Closing

The municipal staff at the Town House will be spreading holiday cheer with their annual holiday part on December 17th! To celebrate, the Town House will be closed to the public from 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM. Thank you for your understanding as we take a moment to enjoy the season together. We are so grateful for our wonderful community!



Holiday Snowflake

## 2024 Year in Review

It's hard to believe we are looking to begin another year in a couple weeks! As we look back to all that was accomplished this year, I have to thank so many staff and board/committee members. Without their support and expertise, the town would not have been able to reach these milestones. A big thank you to them all for their hard work and diligence in 2024! Take a look at some of the impressive accomplishments achieved:



Mission Accomplished Road Signs

- Implementation of the Town's first Employee Handbook
- Kickoff of the Tricentennial Committee [Including establishment of the 501c3 to handle primary fundraising for the celebrations]
- Completion of RECC regional partnership
- Installation of Andrew Puntini, Fire Chief
- Completion of Heritage Park

And so much more! Congratulations on a great year, Southborough!

## Cheers to the New Year

"What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days of our lives haven't even happened yet." –Anne Frank

This season brings a renewed sense of hope and endless possibilities. Let us greet the coming year with open hearts and unwavering faith that brighter days lie ahead. All of us here at the Southborough Town Offices wish you a year of peace, joy and boundless hope!



Mark Purple 2024

## Youth & Family Survey

Southborough and Northborough parents and caregivers, please take a few minutes to complete this parent survey. This information will support our community's ability to support youth and decrease substance misuse.



Survey Flyer

The survey should only take 6 minutes and will help determine priorities, raise awareness, and support local programs and policies to address substance abuse. Click here or scan the code below to take the survey: <https://shorturl.at/kIRvC>

**Scan the QR Code to take the Survey**



## Holiday Hours

All Town buildings (except for emergency services) will be closed on Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th for the winter holidays. The Senior Center will also be closed December 26th and open again on the 27th. All other Town buildings, including the Library, will reopen Thursday, December 26th at normal business hours. The Transfer Station will be closed December 25th but reopen for a normal schedule on Thursday, the 26th. Enjoy the holiday!



Pic of snowman cookies

Additionally, all non-emergency offices will be closed January 1st for New Year's Day including the Transfer Station. We will all be back and ready to serve on Thursday, January 2nd.

We hope you have a safe, warm and kind holiday season.

Happiest New Year to you all!



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