

THE WORD ON COMMON STREET

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DEVELOPMENTS SHAPING OUR TOWN

Residential Financial Assistance

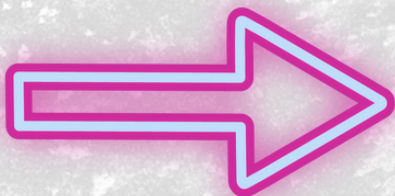
Did you know that residents may be eligible for financial assistance for Summer Camps, Recreation RAP Programs, and through the Winter Wishes Program?

Summer Recreation Camps: The Southborough Recreation Department provides summer camps for children aged 4–12, running weekly from June 30 to August 15, 2025. "Camp Fayville" caters to 4–6-year-olds with half-day and full-day options, while "Camp Cordaville" serves 7–12-year-olds with full-day programs.

Recreation After-School Programs (RAP): RAP provide various activities for students in kindergarten through 8th grade. Programs include arts, sports, and educational activities, with specific offerings varying by school and grade level.

Winter Wishes: An annual program coordinated by Southborough Youth & Family Services (SYFS) to assist families in need during the holiday season. The program connects community donations with families' needs, providing gift cards to help make the holidays memorable. Eligibility for each is based on Southborough Residency & evidence of need. Please scan the QR Code for the application and call SYFS with questions at 508-481-5676.

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for the application**



Corridor 9 School Scholarship

High school seniors—your future starts here! The Corridor



Chamber Logo

9/495 Regional Chamber of MetroWest is offering \$12,450 in scholarships to 2025 graduates pursuing a business degree or trade certification and who live in Westborough, Northborough, Southborough or Shrewsbury.

Visit the Chamber's website ([Click Here](#)) for details and submit your completed application by Friday, March 7, 2025. Mail or deliver it to:

Corridor 9/495 Regional Chamber of MetroWest
30 Lyman Street, Suite 6
Westborough, MA 01581

Late or incomplete applications won't be considered—so double-check everything!

Scholarships are awarded based on:

- Academic achievement
- Leadership & work experience
- Essay quality
- Financial need
- Application appearance

Since 1986, the Chamber has awarded over \$424,000 in scholarships, thanks to proceeds from the Annual School/Business Partnership Golf Tournament, the Robert J. Lemieux Charitable Trust, and the Leo Casey Scholarship.

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Good luck to Amy & Welcome Kelly!

It's bittersweet news, but we have to share—Amy Berry, our incredible Deputy Town Clerk, will be leaving to take on an exciting new role as Town Clerk in Grafton! For the past six years, Amy has been the heartbeat of the Town Clerk's Office—always greeting residents with a warm smile, an unwavering dedication to excellent service, and a knack for making even the busiest election days run smoothly. From streamlining Vote by Mail operations to spearheading the scanning of historical records, she has been instrumental in keeping the Clerk's Office efficient and organized. Her professionalism, positivity, and delightful customer service will be deeply missed! Grafton is lucky to have her! As we say goodbye to Amy, we are thrilled to welcome Kelly O'Brien as our new Deputy Town Clerk, starting March 3! Kelly has spent the last two years working in Southborough's Building Department, and before that, she honed her skills in patient relations for a large multi-state medical practice. A dedicated Southborough resident, Kelly also serves on the Historical Commission. Please join us in wishing Amy all the best in her new adventure and in giving Kelly a warm welcome to her new role!



Deputy Town Clerk,
Amy Berry

Conservation Commission Opening

Join the Conservation Commission – We Need You!



Pic of Land

Love the outdoors? Want to help protect Southborough's natural spaces? The Conservation Commission is looking for one volunteer to fill current vacancies!

The Commission (a team of seven volunteers) meets every three weeks on Thursday evenings at 7 PM (via Zoom) and plays a key role in reviewing applications under the Wetlands Protection Act and Southborough's local wetlands regulations. The team also helps oversee and care for open spaces like Breakneck Hill, Chestnut Hill Farm, and the Southborough Golf Course. No experience? No problem! If you're willing to learn, we've got resources, training, and support to get you up to speed. Interested? Apply here today! <https://shorturl.at/ERoEf>

You'll need to attend at least one meeting before appointment. Questions? Reach out to Melissa Danza at mdanza@southboroughma.com or 508-281-8984 by mid-March.

Be a voice for conservation—join us!

Resources from Southborough Youth and Family Services

Waiting for mental health care can feel overwhelming - but you're not alone in this journey. Join clinical psychologist Dr. Emily Kline for her eye-opening webinar "Bridging the Gap: Supporting Loved Ones as They Wait for Mental Health Care" and learn how to effectively support your loved ones during their wait for professional care.

Discover practical strategies to: maintain motivation without overstepping boundaries; provide meaningful support during the waiting period; navigate this challenging time together. Click here to secure your place in this session: <https://shorturl.at/bWJSt>.



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