

THE WORD ON COMMON STREET

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DEVELOPMENTS SHAPING OUR TOWN

2025 Water Rates

Please be advised that new water rates will be in effect on March 1st, for the March 1 - May 31 billing period (due 8/1/2025) pursuant to Select Board vote on 2/4/2025. Please see the chart below for changes reflective on bills due May 1, 2025.

NEW WATER RATES - EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2025 (July 1 Bill Date and Aug. 1 Due Date)					
		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
Meter Size	Base Charge	0 - 1,000 (CF)	1,001 - 2,500 (CF)	2,500-5,000 (CF)	5,001 and up (CF)
5/8"	\$40.19	\$2.38/100CF	\$5.58/100CF	\$8.77/100CF	\$12.80/100CF
5/8" Senior	\$30.14				
3/4"	\$60.29				
3/4" Senior	\$45.22				
1"	\$100.48				
1" Senior	\$75.36				
1 1/2"	\$200.97				
2"	\$321.54				
3"	\$602.90				
4"	\$1,004.83				
Seniors need to apply for the 25% senior discount on the base rate ONLY					

Senior Citizen Water Rates

If you're 65 or older, you may qualify for the Senior Citizen Water Rate! This special rate applies to the base charge on your quarterly water bill. To be eligible, you need to:

- Be 65 years of age or older
- Own the property where the water service is provided
- Live at the property where the water service is provided
- Provide a copy of your driver's license or proof of age

Please click here for the application:
<https://shorturl.at/M8Dce>

Ongoing Construction at Town House

Construction in the parking lot area of the Town House will occur from March 17th - June 30th. Intermittently, the regular entrance to the building will be closed & a temporary entrance will be used.

- The temporary entrance door will be located on the St. Mark's Church side of the building. It will be fully accessible to all patrons. Please come through the hallway to the foyer of the Town House.
- The exit driveway by St. Mark's Church will temporarily be closed to traffic.
- The entrance & exit driveway behind Pilgrim Church will be open for all traffic, as usual.
- During this phase, parking may be temporarily restricted in some areas.
- ****Please use caution and follow the signs upon arrival. Construction is fluid and entrances and exits will be changing as it progresses. Thank you for your patience!****

Scholarships for HS Seniors

There are two Teachers' Association Scholarships still available for graduating high school seniors pursuing a degree in education or a related field. Both have applications due by March 31st.

Dr. Charles Gobron Integrity Award

The Dr. Charles Gobron Integrity Award recognizes an Algonquin High School senior, who personifies high ethics as demonstrated through leadership, community service, personal integrity and academic accomplishments. Charles had a passion for education, and all of his decisions were driven by what is best for kids.

The Southborough Teachers' Association is awarding this scholarship in the amount of \$750 to a graduating high school senior. Click here for the application:
<https://shorturl.at/qsq3G>

Mary Mullen Memorial Award

The Southborough Teachers' Association is awarding this scholarship in the amount of \$750 to a graduating high school senior. Click here for the application:
<https://shorturl.at/UI3A5>

Town House
Construction Flyer



Cultural Arts Council Awards

Local Arts Organizations Receive Boost with New Grant Awards



Southborough Cultural Arts Council is pleased to announce over \$6400 in grant awards for the 2024-25 funding year. The 12 funded programs include a folk-dance exhibition produced by an award-winning local high-school student, the launch of a photography lecture series at the Southborough Library, community drop-in arts programs at Apothecary Artist Studios, Senior Center arts programs, and a design workshop for teens led by former Southborough resident and artist Jonathan Todd.

“Our hope over the next few grant cycles is to enhance the arts ecosystem right here in the Town of Southborough. Of particular importance is ensuring that funded programs are easily accessible to residents of all ages from the youngest audience to our most seasoned elders. We are impressed with this year’s applicants, and we hope to support a greater number of arts organizations and artists in the years ahead.” - Kate Heusner, Chair, Southborough Cultural Arts Council

This year’s grant decisions are informed by feedback from a community input survey circulated last summer in which Southborough residents expressed interest in increasing programming locally, in addition to ensuring that more arts programs are accessible to all age groups, including children and seniors. A celebratory reception for all grant recipients and the community will be hosted in late Spring.

Town Meeting Time

🔊 Don't forget! Southborough's Annual Town Meeting is happening soon! “Reminder” GIF



📅 When: Monday, April 7, 2025, at 6:30 PM
📍 Where: Trottier Middle School Gym
49 Parkerville Road

Make your voice heard and help shape the future of our town! See you there! 🙌📅🔊 Clap, horn, and calendar emojis



Mark Purple 2024

Award Winning Recreation!

Southborough’s Rec Connect (regional Adaptive Recreation Program between Shrewsbury Recreation, Northborough Recreation, and Southborough Recreation) won the 2025 MA Recreation and Park Association’s Regional Community Impact of the Year Award – Central Region.



Sneaker Prom

This award is given to a town or city that has provided an outstanding service, program, and or event to their community in 2024. This adaptive and inclusive social program brings together individuals with and without disabilities, fostering friendships through engaging recreational activities and community outings.

The idea for RecConnect originated from a desire to serve an underserved population—families with children and young adults with disabilities and differences. By leveraging cross-town resources and networks, these three partners successfully introduced and sustained an extraordinary suite of programs, providing dozens of families with low- or no-cost opportunities. These programs focus on fostering growth and well-being across social, emotional, and physical domains.

Below is a snapshot of the impactful programming offered through RecConnect:

- Sneaker Prom (ages 13+) at the Shrewsbury Senior Center
- Family Science Night at Northborough Town Hall Gym
- Apple Picking at Tougas Farm in Northborough
- Terrarium Class at Gulbankian’s Florist in Southborough
- Dinner and a Movie at the Shrewsbury Senior Center

The collaboration & commitment demonstrated by these departments are exemplary and deeply deserving of this recognition.



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