

# THE WORD ON COMMON STREET

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## DEVELOPMENTS SHAPING OUR TOWN

### Congratulations, Pam!

After 24 years of dedicated service, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Pam LeFrancois, the beloved Director of the Southborough Senior Center, as she begins a well-deserved retirement.

Pam's leadership transformed the Senior Center from one room at the Fayville Village Hall into a vibrant hub of activity, support, and community at Cordaville Hall. Her vision brought innovative programs like the nationally recognized Trailblazers, which promoted active lifestyles and built lasting friendships.

Throughout her tenure, Pam championed creative ways to keep seniors connected, especially the COVID-19 pandemic.

We deeply appreciate Pam's years of service and wish her a retirement filled with happiness, health, and adventure. Her legacy of care and community will be cherished for years to come!



Senior Center Addition Opening, Pam LeFrancois

**Congratulations, Pam!**

### 2025 Town Scholarships

Exciting news, Southborough High School seniors! The 2025



HS Grad pic

Scholarship Applications for the Town of Southborough, Carroll Harris Memorial, and Linda Hubley Memorial are now open! Apply here:

<https://tinyurl.com/mpp6nuy8>.

**Deadline:** Thursday, May 8th at 4:00 P.M.

**Submit to:** Katie Barry at 17 Common Street, Southborough

**Email:** [kbarry@southboroughma.com](mailto:kbarry@southboroughma.com)

**#YourFutureStartsNow**

Pin, email, and calendar emojis

### 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. Please be cautious!

For more information, please click here: <https://tinyurl.com/4xmh8rsy>



Construction Flyer

### Welcome, Ladder 26!

The Southborough Fire Department is excited to take delivery of their new Ladder 26. They would like to thank the continued support of the Town and Select Board to assure our firefighters have the best possible tools in order to serve the residents and guests of our community.



Ladder 26

### Town Meeting Time

**Don't forget!**

Southborough's Annual

Town Meeting is next week!!

**When:** Monday, April 7, 2025, at [6:30 PM](#)

**Where:** Trottier Middle School

49 Parkerville Road



"Reminder" GIF

Make your voice heard and help shape the future of our town! See you there! 🙌

Click here to review the warrant for Annual Town Meeting:

<https://tinyurl.com/mtenm47d>

Click here to review the proposed budget:

<https://tinyurl.com/yu4w36s5>

Clap, horn, pin, and calendar emojis

## 2025 Senior Conference

Senator Eldridge is inviting local seniors to his upcoming Senior Conference that will be held on Thursday, April 24 at 8 AM at Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School (215 Fitchburg St, Marlboro). The conference program includes resources for Seniors, Yoga, Vendors, speakers from the State Legislature, a drop-in art session watercolor demonstration hosted by Maynard Art Space, FREE lunch and raffle giveaways.



Senior Workshop w.  
Senator Eldridge

**Click here for more information and to view the full agenda: <https://tinyurl.com/bdz9rdnb>**

### Recreation Coloring Contest

Southborough Recreation is celebrating Earth Day with a Spring Coloring Contest! Coloring pages are accepted March 31st - April 14th. Click here for details & printable pages: <https://tinyurl.com/3rxmaxec>



Pic of spring flowers

## Southborough Real Estate Relief Programs At-A-Glance

The Town of Southborough offers exemptions and deferrals to eligible residents under MA General Law Chapter 59, Sections 5 and 6. Check out the chart below or view it online here: [Exemptions & Deferrals](#)

Additional requirements apply, so review the chart and give our friendly team at the Office of the Assessors a call at 508-485-0720 to find out if you qualify and learn how to apply! We're here to help you make the most of these valuable opportunities!

	WIDOW(ER)S Clause 17D	VETERANS Clause 22 E-H	BLIND Clause 37	SENIORS Clause 41C	DEFERRAL SENIORS Clause 41A	HARDSHIP EXEMPTION Clause 18	HARDSHIP DEFERRAL Clause 18A	SENIORS Tax workoff
BASE REDUCTION AMOUNT**	\$323	\$400 to full tax amount	\$500	\$1000 + CPA surcharge	Defer any amount up to 100%	Varies, Board of Assessors discretion	Temporarily defer any amount for up to 3 years	maximum of \$2,000
WHO MAY QUALIFY	Widow(er)s, minor surviving children, persons aged 70 or over	Veterans with a service connected disability of 10% or more, recipients of certain medals/awards, POW's, Gold Star Parents, spouses and widow(er)s	Blind person with MCB certificate	Aged 65 +	Aged 65 +	Age, infirmity, and poverty or financial hardship	Persons with temporary financial hardship	Aged 60 +
GROSS INCOME LIMIT	none	none	none	\$25,859 single, \$38,791 couple, less SS allowance	\$45,000 per household	none	none	none
ASSET LIMIT	\$73,514, excludes domicile and vehicle	none	none	\$51,719 single, \$71,111 couple excludes domicile/ vehicle	none	none	none	none

Relief Programs  
at a glance chart

## Southborough Goes Green!

Join Southborough Youth & Family Services in raising awareness for mental health by "Going Green" on Friday, May 2nd, to kick off Mental Health Awareness Month! Let's come TOGETHER as a community to shine a light on mental wellness throughout Southborough.



Going Green Flyer

- Wear Green – Show your support by wearing green clothing or accessories to help spread awareness.
- Grab a Ribbon – Pick up a green ribbon at community spaces around town & wear it to show your commitment to mental health awareness.
- Share Online – Post your "Going Green" photos on social media using #SouthboroughGoesGreen



Mark Purple 2024

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