

# THE WORD ON COMMON STREET

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DEVELOPMENTS SHAPING OUR TOWN

## Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to the 2025 Town Scholarship winners! The below students' hard work and dedication to community are outstanding and we wish them luck on their next adventure in higher learning:

- Maggie Fitzgerald, American University-awarded the Stefanie Ranieri Scholarship
- Maya Regan, New York University-awarded the Caroll Harris Memorial Scholarship
- Alexis Ellis, UMass Lowell-awarded the Southborough Town Scholarship
- Joseph Truman, UMass Lowell-awarded the Linda Hubley Memorial Scholarship
- Gabriella Lomuto, Mt. St. Mary's University-awarded the Stefanie Ranieri Scholarship

We'd like to give a huge thank you to the Scholarship Committee for their time and effort to support these high school seniors in their future endeavors. Thank you to Committee members Lisa Braccio, Stephanie Butler, Isabelle Murphy, Christine Pearson, and Maria Vagnini. We are grateful for your time and interest in continuing this wonderful tradition that is so important to the Town and its leaders. We'd also like to thank Representative Kate Donaghue for attending and acknowledging these talented high school seniors!



2025 Scholarship Winners

## Flag Retirement Ceremony

Join the Southborough Veterans this Flag Day for a meaningful and respectful Flag



American Flag

Retirement Ceremony.

After a brief ceremony, we will properly retire the American flags that have been collected over the past year, honoring them in accordance with the U.S. Flag Code. This will take place on Flag Day, June 14th at the DPW Parking lot (147 Cordaville Road) from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. The public is welcome to the ceremony which will include the Color Guard from the Scouts and a small ceremony from Mr. Steve Whynot as all flags will be destroyed in a dignified and honorable manner.

Have a flag that's torn, faded, or worn? Now's the perfect time to retire it with dignity. Drop it off in the collection box at the Control Station at the Transfer Station —or bring it with you to the ceremony and be part of this special tribute.

## Upcoming Holiday Hours

The Transfer Station and all non-emergency Town Offices will be closed on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> in observation of Juneteenth. All offices will reopen on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> for regular office hours.



Juneteenth Pic

**"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." - James Baldwin**

## Youth & Family Survey

Help Shape the Future of Health and Human Services in Southborough. The Town of Southborough is conducting a Community Health Needs

Assessment to better understand the health needs, challenges, and experiences of residents. The survey is anonymous, takes less than 10 minutes to complete, and covers topics such as physical and mental health, stress, substance use, access to care, and basic needs like housing, food, and transportation.

This town-wide survey is open to all Southborough residents. Your input will directly inform how the Town plans and improves programs, services, and health initiatives in the coming years. All responses are confidential and will be analyzed in aggregate to ensure community voices are represented while protecting individual privacy.

The survey is available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Russian, and Arabic. You can take it online at [tiny.cc/SB-Survey](https://tiny.cc/SB-Survey). If you prefer a paper copy or have any questions, please contact Southborough Youth and Family Services at 508-481-5676 or email [syfs@southboroughma.com](mailto:syfs@southboroughma.com).

Thank you for helping us build a healthier, more connected Southborough.

Scan the QR Code to take the survey!



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## CPC Annual Forum June 18

The Community Preservation Commission is holding its annual public forum next Wednesday, June 18th at 7:00 pm at the Public Safety Building, 32 Cordaville Road (and on Zoom). It's a chance to learn what CPA funds can be used for like open space, historic preservation, affordable housing, and recreation, and how to apply. CPC members will walk through the application process and answer questions. Each year, voters at Town Meeting decide how to spend money collected through the Community Preservation Act (CPA) surcharge from recommendations made by the Commission. Come learn and bring your ideas!



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## ARPA Project List

As the Town of Southborough completes some big projects thanks to ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding, we are highlighting the



opportunities we took to make enhancements an upgrades to the Town. Below find some highlights of how we took advantage of this economic stimulus package:

- Approximately \$150K was spent on WiFi and website upgrades to make town services and remote meetings more seamless.
- Police body cameras were purchased for all officers to enhance safety of staff and the public.
- The Woodward School A/C system, Trottier HVAC system and the Finn A/C and mold mitigation were all funded fully or partially by ARPA monies.
- Transfer Station defibrillators were added for employee and the public's safety.

## Fire Department Opening

Entry level Firefighter/Paramedic positions are open at the Southborough



Pic of Fire Truck & Ambulance

Fire Department. This is a full-time opportunity to serve your community through emergency medical services, firefighting, rescue operations, and public safety education.

We are looking for motivated, team-oriented individuals with a strong work ethic and a desire to grow in a professional fire and EMS environment. Apply by sending your cover letter, resume and proof of credentials to: Fire Chief Andrew Puntini at [apuntini@southboroughma.com](mailto:apuntini@southboroughma.com)

Scan the QR Code to learn more about the position with some highlights here:

- 24 hr shifts, I-I-I-5 Schedule
- 75/25 Health and Dental
- Education and EMT-P Stipends
- Strong Mutual Aid Network
- FY26 FF-EMT-P with Education

Scan the QR Code  
for more info!



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