

THE WORD ON COMMON STREET

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DEVELOPMENTS SHAPING OUR TOWN

Congratulations, Cindy!

Congratulations to Cindy Beard on her retirement! As Outreach Coordinator at the Senior Center, she has made such a difference in the lives of so many seniors and families in our community. From reaching out and identifying what folks needed most, to connecting them with the right services, she has been a trusted guide and advocate every step of the way. She has provided support to older adults and their families with kindness, compassion, and respect, always helping people feel seen, heard, and cared for for over 26 years. She has built strong relationships with local agencies and town departments, expanding resources and creating a network of support that will carry on long after her retirement. Her work on community outreach, presentations, and newsletters made sure no one was left out of the loop. Thank you, Cindy for everything you've done, you've left a lasting impact, and you will be truly missed. Please join us in wishing Cindy all the joy and relaxation she has earned!



Cindy and Mark

See the flyer to the right about the upcoming Summer Concert Series at the Neary Stage! Grab your lawn chair, pack a picnic and enjoy some great local music!



Congratulations, Deputy Chief!

With 30 years of dedicated service and an exemplary track record, we are happy to announce the promotion of Captain Kenneth Franks, III to Deputy Fire Chief! He has been a leader on the department and mentor to many. He is well loved in the community and we are ecstatic to see him take this next step!

Please join the Southborough Fire Department in celebrating his promotion to Deputy Fire Chief. The ceremony will take place at the Public Safety Building, 32 Cordaville Road at 2PM this Monday, June 30th.

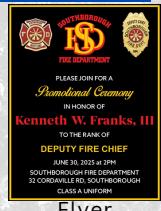
Spotted Lanternfly is back!

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) has confirmed that the invasive spotted lanternfly has been found in our area. While they may not be making headlines just yet, the eggs started hatching a few weeks ago, and the tiny black-and-white spotted nymphs are now out and about.

These insects can be tricky to spot at this stage, but they'll become much more noticeable later in the summer when they reach adulthood. Please look out for them! You might also see MDAR or USDA staff around town this summer, checking trees and plants to help track how widespread the infestation is. **In the meantime, your help is key!** Please report any sightings of spotted lanternflies so experts can monitor their spread.

Here's how you can help:

Report a sighting:
massnrc.org/pests/slfreport.aspx



Spotted Lanternfly

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. If you have any questions, please contact Southborough Youth and Family Services at 508-481-5676 or email syfs@southboroughma.com.

Scan the QR Code to take the survey!



Blue Arrow



Blood Drive - July 17

The Southborough Library will once again be hosting a mobile blood drive in the library parking lot. Registration link will be coming soon, but walk-ins are welcome.

For more information about scheduling an appointment, eligibility, or the donation process, please call the Kraft Family Blood Donor Center at 617-632-3206 or email BloodDonor@partners.org. Thank you for making a life-saving difference for patients in need.



Mark Purple 2024



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 and upgrades to the Town. Below find some highlights of how we took advantage of with this economic stimulus package:

- We launched a new website to enhance its look and navigation. The Town was able to switch providers for a cleaner and more user friendly site thanks to ARPA monies.
- Approximately \$52,000 of ARPA funds were used to remove hazardous trees throughout town.
- ARPA funded a new pickup with a plow for the DPW to maintain road safety.
- Almost \$60,000 of ARPA money was used to fund the Breakneck Hill Conservation Land Assessment, phase one of the remediation.

Gardens at Senior Center

The raised bed gardens which were started as a Boy Scout Eagle Project have been a part of the Senior Center for many years. Recently they were refurbished by one of the members of the Council on Aging.



Pic of Raise bed Gardens

There was an invitation to citizens through the Senior Newsletter to come sow the plants and seeds they generously donated and enjoy a light lunch. Several people participated and we thank them! Today the gardens brighten the day of people entering the back door of Cordaville Hall. Plants include many flowers as well as vegetables and herbs.

The garden is for everyone and we invite you to snip some herbs or some of the many varieties of lettuce. There is a table with Adirondack chairs and an umbrella if you just want to sit and enjoy!

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