

THE WORD ON COMMON STREET

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DEVELOPMENTS SHAPING OUR TOWN

Senior Center Update

Welcome Laura West!

We're excited to welcome Laura West as our new Senior Center Program Manager! Laura brings a strong background in community outreach and program development, with a passion for creating inclusive, engaging programs for older adults. Her experience in event planning and wellness-focused programming reflects a deep commitment to supporting the physical, emotional, and intellectual well-being of those she serves.

Laura steps into the role previously held by Peg Leonard, who was recently promoted following Pam LeFrancois's retirement as Senior Center Director. We're thrilled to have Laura on board!



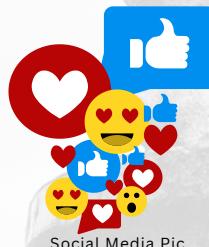
Senior Center

Tricentennial - Social Media

Volunteer!

In preparation for Southborough's 300th in 2027, the Tricentennial Committee is developing plans & events to celebrate this historic milestone. To help promote these efforts and engage the community, the Committee is seeking volunteers with experience in social media! We need someone who can share updates & event information, & support community engagement leading up to and throughout the anniversary year on the Town's social media.

If you have a background or interest in social media and would like to volunteer, please fill out the form here: <https://shorturl.at/lk4X8>



Social Media Pic

MWRTA Schedule

Need transportation? Click here to view the commuter shuttles from the MWRTA for the 495 Connector area: <https://tinyurl.com/3nd4p4tb>



Select Board Office Hours

The Select Board hosts Office Hours once a month, typically on the third



Select Board Members

Tuesday, as a chance for open, meaningful conversation. Two Board members are available for these meetings, where you're welcome to ask questions, share concerns, or discuss issues that matter to you. These conversations are important and help Board members stay connected to the community and informed about what's on your mind.

Office Hours are held in person at the Town House (17 Common Street) from 6:00–7:00 PM, and now also include a Zoom option for remote participation.

All are encouraged to attend! See the schedule below and come be part of the conversation.

- Tuesday, August 12 with Al Hamilton & Tim Fling
- Tuesday, September 9 with Kathy Cook & Marguerite Landry
- Tuesday, October 14 with Andrew Dennington & Al Hamilton
- Tuesday, November 25 with Kathy Cook & Tim Fling
- Tuesday, December 9 with Marguerite Landry & Andrew Dennington



Pic of "Welcome" sign

Hometown Hero!

At the Select Board meeting on June 16th, the Recreation Department and Select Board



Christina, Erin and Travis

congratulate Erin Navaroli for her swift, decisive, lifesaving actions at our Summer Program. Erin noticed a child who was choking, immediately sprang into action, and performed the Heimlich. After the camper was stabilized, Erin quickly turned into counselor mode and made sure she was tended to appropriately. We are so very fortunate to have her as part of the Recreation team this summer!

Fall Town Meeting Update

Fall Town Meeting has been rescheduled due to a conflict at Trottier. Please mark your calendars for Monday, October 27 at 6:30 PM at Trottier Middle School, 49 Parkerville Road.

This is a great opportunity to come together as a community and make a difference! We'll be voting on a variety of important articles, including a significant zoning bylaw that could help revitalize Route 9. Your participation matters & we hope to see you there!



Pic of people holding voting cards

Family Fun Yoga

Join us and Southborough Recreation for Family Yoga in the Park this Friday, July 25th at 5:00 p.m. at the Neary stage/field near the tennis courts (inside if rain!). Bring a yoga mat, some water, and enjoy family time while moving your body and soaking up the fresh air. This is a fun and free peaceful practice for all ages!



Community Health Survey

There's still time to help shape the future of health in Southborough. Take the quick and easy Community Health Survey from Youth and Family Services today:

tiny.cc/SB-Survey



Mark Purple 2025

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 updates to town departments and properties. Some are assets to increase serviceability, others are equipment to assist in making work and public offerings easier and safer, and others to beautify the town we love. Below are some projects we are highlighting:

- A DPW trailer for \$125,00
- Fire Alert System Upgrade at \$75,000
- Police equipment for \$24,357
- Hazardous tree removals for \$52,000
- Mental Health Assistance for \$17,000
- Trail enhancements for \$11,252

We'd like to thank our Accounting and Finance Departments for their diligence in acquiring these funds and dispersing them appropriately. ARPA funding was a years-long undertaking requiring exceptional attention to detail, learning on the fly and collaboration with numerous departments, boards and committees. We are lucky to have the talent on staff to bring all of these projects to fruition!

Summer Concert Series

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!



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