

THE WORD ON COMMON STREET

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DEVELOPMENTS SHAPING OUR TOWN



Pic of West Nile Prevention Tips

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) confirmed that West Nile Virus (WNV) has been detected in a mosquito sample collected on August 1 in Southborough. The risk of WNV in Southborough remains low at this time, but it is important to take precautions to prevent mosquito bites and mosquito-borne diseases.

Check the Town website for updates:
<https://tinyurl.com/47rhj59c>

"Summer afternoon – summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language."

– Henry James



Pic of Kids on School Bus

But don't forget to keep an eye out for busses and kiddoes on August 28th when school starts up again!



Pic of Ribbon saying "Grant Award"

Hearty congrats to Facilities Director John Parent for spearheading a grant application that will provide the Town/School with \$13,434 for LED lighting at the Trottier School & \$12,961 for weatherization at the Flagg School Building. We're very grateful to the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Green Communities Division

Au Revoir, Josie!

If you've had the pleasure of doing business in the Town Clerk's Office this Summer, you've likely had a chance to interact with the delightful Josie Berry. She is headed back to her junior year at Sacred Heart University and we'll miss her so much. She is absolutely sunshine in a cup! Good luck, Josie and we hope to see you back here soon.



Josie Berry 2025

We want to hear from you!

In May 2025, Southborough voters considered a proposal for a new Neary School building, but it did not pass. Now, the reconstituted Pre K-8 School Building Committee is asking for your feedback.

This short, anonymous survey will guide the new committee. If you do not have a home computer, there is one set up at the Senior Center that you can use to complete the survey.



Fall Town Meeting Update

The Fall Special Town Meeting date will be Monday, October 27, 2025. The Select Board will be finalizing the warrant in early October. Tune into their meetings on September 2 & 16 to hear more details.



Reminder: Transfer Station stickers expire on Sept 15th!

Cost: Non-Senior: \$295.00 for the 1st sticker, additional stickers up to (3) are \$25.00 each • Seniors (born on or before 12/31/60): \$50.00 for 1st sticker, additional stickers (up to (3) are \$15.00 each. More details: <https://tinyurl.com/5n866ap9>



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:



- Town Clerk Records Preservation: \$43,000
- ADPW Crew Cab: \$95,000
- Road Maintenance Article: \$177,500
- DPW Trailer: \$125,000

Community Events

**Summer Nights: Saturday,
August 23, 5:00 PM**



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