



THE WORD ON COMMON STREET



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DEVELOPMENTS SHAPING OUR TOWN

Article I at STM - Come Vote!

Southborough residents are encouraged to attend Special Town Meeting (**October 27th** at **6:30PM** in the Trottier Gym at **49 Parkerville Road**) to vote on Article One, a key zoning amendment.

Why this matters:

- Ease the burden on residents:
- Homeowners currently carry most of the tax load. This zoning change helps shift more responsibility to commercial and industrial taxpayers.
- Bring in new revenue: A Costco is proposed for 21 Coslin Drive. That project alone could generate millions in new tax dollars and attract other businesses to town.
- Support vital services: More commercial tax revenue means stronger funding for schools, roads, and public safety, without raising residential property taxes.
- Keep a voice in the process: If passed, the project will still go through public hearings with several boards, giving residents input on traffic, landscaping, and environmental impacts.

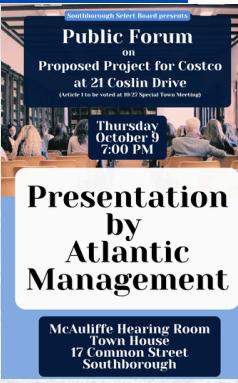
The Select Board unanimously supports Article I, calling it a crucial first step to rebalance our tax base & strengthen Southborough's financial future.

 Read their full letter of support here:

tinyurl.com/3v6jrxr4

Please join the Select Board for a Public Forum, Thursday October 9th, with Atlantic Management to learn about the proposed zoning change and Costco Project. Find more info here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ycxxft7d>



Way to go, Taylor!

We're proud to share that Taylor West, Southborough's Public Health Director, has been selected as a member of the inaugural Executive Steering Committee of Massachusetts Women in Emergency Management (MWEM). MWEM aims to build a network of women leaders across emergency management, health, nonprofits, academia, and the private sector. As one of just 12 distinguished statewide appointees (spanning public health, emergency management, higher education, nonprofit, and private industries), Taylor brings Southborough's voice and experience to the table. Her appointment underscores her commitment to resilience, community preparedness, and collaboration across jurisdictions. We look forward to seeing how her insights help strengthen equity, diversity, and capacity in Massachusetts' emergency management efforts.

Congratulations, Taylor!



Pic of MWEM Members including PH Director Taylor West

"October is a symphony of permanence and change." — Bonaro W. Overstreet



Pic of line of pumpkins



PRESENTS

UNDERSTANDING ADHD

Join us for "Understanding ADHD" on Tuesday, October 21st from 7-8 PM at the Southborough Public Library, Eaton Room. This free program will explore the challenges and strengths of living with ADHD and provide helpful insights for families and community members. To register, visit tiny.cc/SYFS-OCT-IS, scan the QR code below, or call 508-481-5676.

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ME! >



Hazardous Waste Day

Southborough residents are invited to safely dispose of unwanted materials during Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 9:00am to 12:00 pm at the Southborough Public Works Yard. Items such as pesticides, pool chemicals, auto batteries, brake fluid, furniture polish & solvents will be accepted, while items like latex paint, alkaline batteries, motor oil & medical waste will not be collected. Please note that a valid Transfer Station sticker is required to participate, and fees apply for TV and computer monitor disposal. This is a great opportunity to responsibly clear out hazardous items from your home and garage. For more info click here: <https://tinyurl.com/4fv4u954>

Fall Rec Update

Southborough Recreation has a full slate of events and programs this season! Along with our signature fall events—Heritage Day (Oct. 13), Trunk or Treat (Oct. 25), and the 19th Annual Gobble Wobble 5K—we're excited to share some program highlights.

- Flag Football is a hit! Over 70 kids registered in 3 age groups
- **Halloween Coloring Contest**, pages released Monday October 6 thru October 23 - 2 categories 0-9 and 10+
- Chess Tournament with Chess Wizards on Wednesday, October 29th open to grades 2-5.
- **Neary School Drama registration is now open!** SkyRise Theater will be directing this winter's production of "Finding Nemo Kids."
- We successfully launched 16 one-day afterschool classes across Finn, Woodward, and Neary in November and December, giving families a chance to sample RAP offerings.
- Our Trottier Ski & Snowboard bus program filled quickly, and we're thrilled to have this long-standing favorite back up and running.



Mark Purple 2025



Pic of perfect pumpkin

Gobble Wobble 2025

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

[Click Here to Sign Up](#)



19TH ANNUAL



Gobble Wobble

5K ROAD RACE & WALK

Thanksgiving
Day

27

November

Trottier
Middle School

49 Parkerville Rd
Race Begins @ 8:30AM

<https://tinyurl.com/southborow>



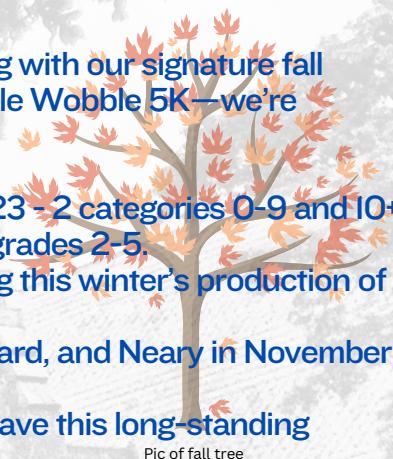
Senior Flu Clinic

The Southborough Health Department will host its annual Flu Clinic on Wednesday, October 8th, from 10:00 AM -12:30 PM at the Senior Center for Southborough Seniors 65+. Advance registration is required (no walk-ins, please).



Pic of flu clinic

Register online at tinyurl.com/southborofluclinic or call the Health Dept at 508-281-8983 for assistance.



Pic of fall tree

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